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April,

April,

It sure has been fun

being in psychology with you
this semester. We've had

Some really great times and

I wish you all the success

in the world. I hope

you and I will see each other
after graduation.

Love,

Janet
Fante

Howdy. Hope you don't mind
me writing here. Frankly my dear

I don't give a damn" thought.

We'll schools over. I took us

$\frac{1}{2}$ a year to discover we lived

across the street from each

other. Can ya believe it. Maybe

probably we'll get together this

year and get high. Naturally

of course. We'll have fun.

Raise hell and be good at it.

Friends,

Tammy

April,

I just met you this
year. I wish I had
met you sooner. You
are an extremely sweet
girl and I hope life
gives you the best of
happiness. Take care and
God Bless!

Melissa Sheek

April,
It's been really
nice getting to know
you this year. I feel
like you put on my true friend
list. (Hey, Wox! Arent you impressed?)
Seriously though, I'm really
glad you were around when I
needed you. You know, all those
times out in the smoking area. Well,
get in touch sometime this summer.
and be good.
Friends
missy

April,
It really has
been fun in P.E.
You are a real
sweet girl and
take care over
the summer
because we won't
see each other next
year.

Friends,
Joan

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Opening

Student Life

Student's interest in school activities was shown at the pep rallies, Homecoming, and dances.

Sports

Athletics kept students' spirit high because of the winning records posted by the teams.

Clubs

Fall brought enthusiastic club response even though there were few clubs.

Academics

The Addition of G.T. classes and unique class activities prodded students to strive for academic achievement.

People

Individuality was still encouraged. Teachers and students shared interests.

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Dear April,

Where can I begin? Although we've only known each other since the beginning of this year, I feel like I've known you for much longer than that! This year and been great for me and I'm glad that you were such a big part of it! I really do value your friendship and I'll always remember how much you've done for me! I really appreciate all the times you helped me out with all my problems and listened to me no matter what I was talking about. It means so much to know that I have a friend who cares so much. I hope you know that you can call on me if you ever need anything. I think it's brought us so close together to help each other through all the hell that we manage to get ourselves into! Enough of the crisis times -- on to the good times! We sure have a lot of memories - Road Trips, Band, Slave Sales, football games, half time shows, pulling a "Johnny, Lilly, Melanie, & April, ~~the~~ Lynn, etc. How about the theater & Dracula & that trip to the airport. God! And, all those parties, Critic bashes, New Year's Eve. God knows, I could go on forever!! We've been through so much this year. I know we'll never forget everything, even though sometimes we'd like to! Girl, you've got what it takes to handle everything in life. Face it, we're both "tough chicks" that have been around enough to know how it is. I hope you'll be able to make a good decision about what you'll do in the future. I know you can be successful at anything you choose if you put your mind to it! Just don't do anything I wouldn't do. I'm gonna miss you like hell next year. Maybe you can come visit me at Wake Forest or we can get together when I'm home. (New Year's Critics Reunion!) Please keep in touch. I'd hate for us to lose our friendship after graduation. If you ever need anything, call me! I'd be hurt if you didn't. Good luck with everything and don't ever forget me!

PS See you at the Senior Class party!
Class of 80 !!

Love you lots,
Melanie Herman '80

Wheels set in motion to begin year

"It's time to begin," said Mr. Cycle excitedly; and he whizzed along the streets, feet pumping and wheels spinning.

Wheels turned slowly, then faster. Buses rolled, cars crept in long lines of traffic. In the school motors turned softly as refrigerated air whispered through vents to cool rooms stuffy from summer heat. Superintendents and principals stood before massed teachers admonishing, cajoling, inspiring. Teachers moved up and down, in and out, running machines to make stacks of lessons to give to students who would give back those sheets filled with squiggles and lines. Up and down, round and round the wheels turned. Big wheels and little wheels, they set in motion the process and machinery of learning.



Students gather in the gym to cheer on the basketball team.

Students aroused by government actions

A survey of 139 seniors, taken February 25, revealed the following attitudes.		on the Summer Olympics? 65		61
		Do you think President Carter should have sent		
Question	yes	no	military action to free	
Do you think we should have given refuge to the Shah?	50	76	the hostages in Iran?	66 61
Do you think there should be a return to the draft?	52	76	Party candidates for the Presidential election.	
Are you willing to go to war?	73	50	Candidate	number of votes
Do you think there should be a boycott			Carter	42
			Reagan	14
			Kennedy	7
			Brown	2
			Bush	19
			undecided	29

"The world is a mess but I just keep on rolling," said the optimistic Mr. Cycle.

National government officials found their machinery clogged as the Iranian students held 50 Americans hostage.

Across the country students were aroused and expressed their anger through demonstrations and speeches. President Carter reacted to the Russian occupation of Afghanistan by calling for registration and a return to the draft, again causing student protest.

As election year approached, candidates used the issues of Iran and Afghanistan in their platforms. A bright spot was the winter Olympics, but even that was darkened by Carter's threat of boycott the summer Olympics in Moscow. The government was in trouble as people lost confidence in their leaders and were divided on major issues. The price of gold went up, the value of the dollar, down. Gasoline prices soared as an inflationary period gripped the nation.

Although the wheels of government did not grind to a halt, they slowed to a sluggish crawl and the American public was uneasy.

A revolutionary guard hands a basket of flowers to militant students occupying the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran.



Spirit leaders proudly display their posters during the Homecoming Mini-Parade.

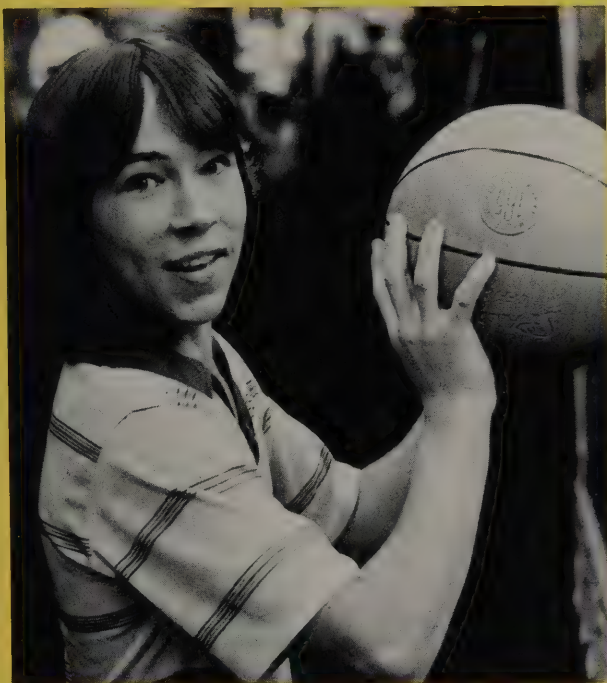


Wheels important to school

"I ride a big wheel with a little wheel running behind. Now does that make me a big wheel or a little wheel? I guess what's important is that I keep this machine going" philosophized Mr. Cycle.

Campus big wheels were easy to identify. They made speeches, conducted meetings, edited publications, gave orders, and issued proclamations. But it was the little wheels who kept the machinery turning. They cheered at pep rallies, voted for candidates, took notes in classes. They sold candy for clubs, covered beats for publications, bought tickets for school dances, and attended sports events. The big wheels planned and organized but it was the little wheels who gave life to the school activities.

Student Life



Testing his luck at the Catawba County fair, junior Steve Parrish prepares to shoot a basket.

As the target for water balloons, senior Wally MacKinnon seems to have a cheerful attitude during Tornadofest.



"Too much activity can be a dangerous thing," croaked Mr. C as he untangled his fractured body from the English cycle and contemplated how to get going again.

Student life was a mixture of highs and lows. The seasons reflected the lives of each student. Fall was filled with football games and Homecoming. Leisure time was spent having parties and being with friends. Winter brought a mild season with basketball followed with participation and commitment to Spring fever activities. Junior-Senior dates were found and seniors waited out the last month of anticipation. Each month of the year, the good times of the students made the year active and exciting.



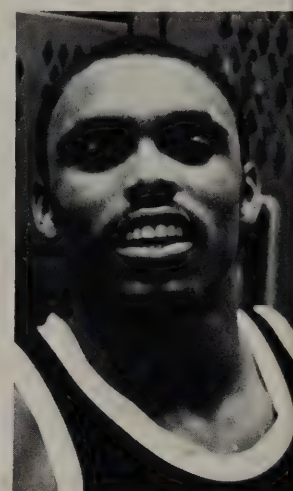
ROUND-N-ROUND

People and machines make school go

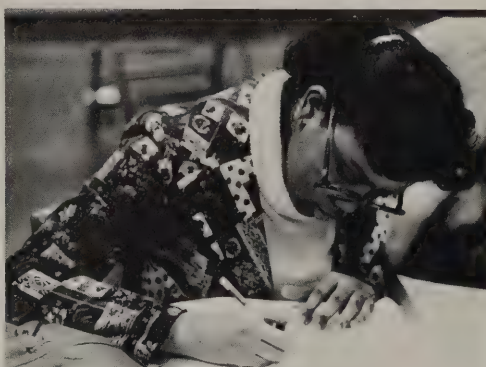


Top wheels, Assistant Principal Charles Mason and Principal Henry Williamson keep watch over students. Meanwhile, Ms. Kay Overcash, a smaller wheel, familiarizes her fourth period English students with the SAT test.

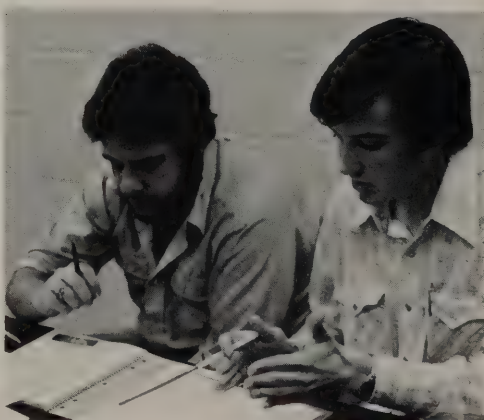
While Ms. Mabel Kirby makes decisions around the cafeteria, she receives help from other personnel like Ms. Marge Phillips.



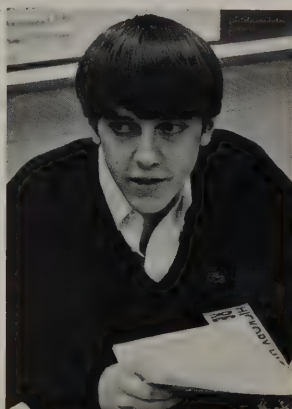
Ace basketball star, Al Young could not execute some of his key plays without help from teammates.



Putting together layouts, Log editors, Gina Gilbert and Eric Martin, are aided by other staff members like sophomore Elisa Tyson.



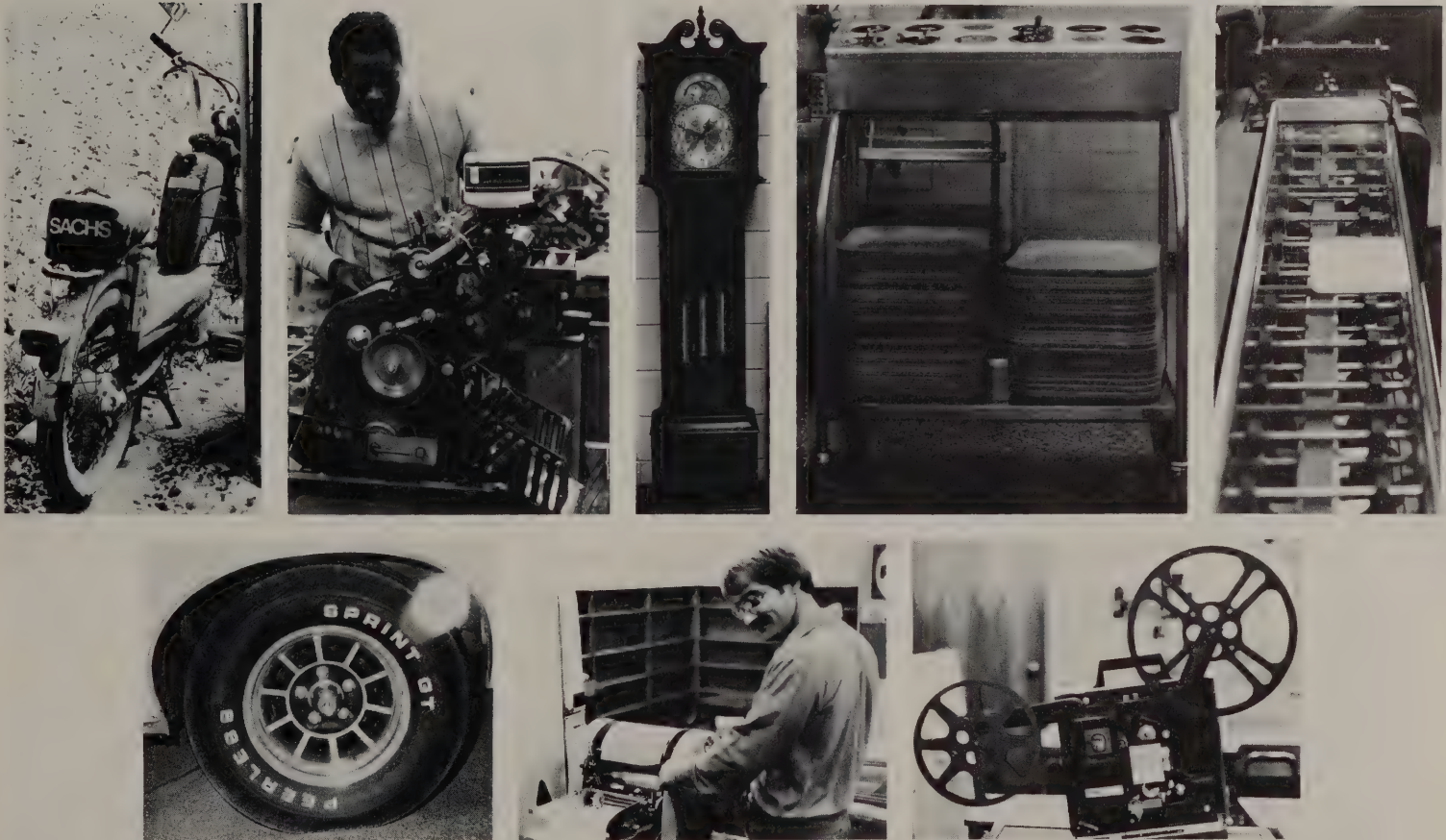
While President Ken Smith, the big wheel of the Student Council, explains future events, juniors Ross Rogers and Woody Poteat work on class projects.



Wheels . . . they made things go up-and-down,
down-and-around, over-and-under, round-and-round . . .
they made things run.

In machines wheels made film projectors project,
card filers file, duplicators duplicate, clocks
tick, and printing machines print. In every classroom
there was at least one set of wheels making something
go, whether it's an overhead, a record player, or a
cart full of books. Wheels brought teachers and
students to school and took them away.

And what would school have been without the people
who were big wheels and little wheels? The principals
couldn't work without teachers, who in turn, couldn't
work without students. Clubs were the same way. They
couldn't operate without leaders who couldn't lead
without followers. In other words Hickory High was
run by wheels, human and inanimate, and without all
sizes, shapes, and qualities things would have
ground to a halt.



Clockwise from left: snow-covered mo-ped; junior Marcus Hill at a graphic arts printer; Principal Henry Williamson's grandfather clock; cafeteria cart for trays and silverware; data processing card filer; a film projector; Mr. Roger Henry using the duplicator; and a radial tire.

Getting Started . . .

a first day for everything

In the beginning . . . were the first day of school, the first ball game, the first elections and a time for starting new activities. Fresh faces, new people and new ideas infused the school with energy.

The first day of school was always a happy one for some because it was a time to see old friends and to start a new school year.

During the first week, some had trouble finding their way around. But, after awhile, everything was going



smoothly.

Coming to a new school wasn't just a scary moment for students, but for new teachers, also. Whether they came from a different school or had just begun teaching, it took a while to get adjusted. After the new teachers became accustomed to the routines of the students and the school, they looked forward to each school day.

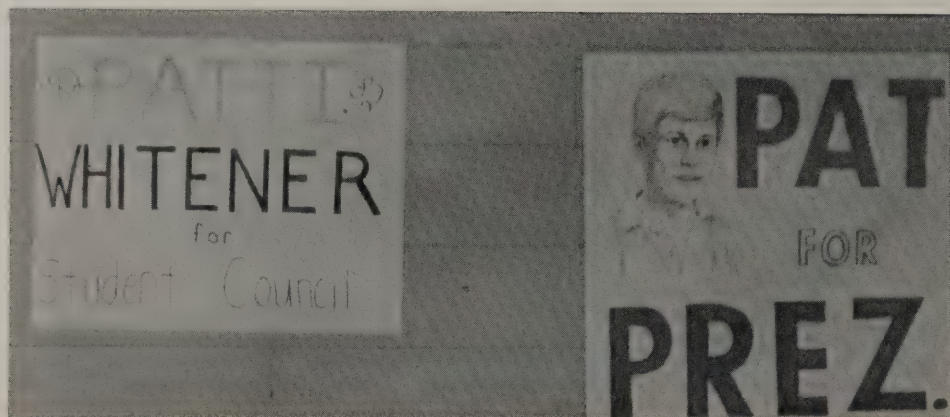
At the beginning of the new year, the Sophomore class held their first elections for Student Council members, president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the sophomore class, and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.

The candidates and their campaign managers read speeches while the students listened to see who would be the best person for the job.

Posters were hung advertising candidates for a position on Student Council.

The students also watched sophomore girls try out for positions on the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad. Approximately 20 girls practiced for two weeks learning cheers and chants to perform for the students.

After students heard speeches and watched cheerleading tryouts, they voted during lunch or before school.





The first pep rally was held to whip up enthusiasm before the first home game. Varsity Cheerleaders revved up the crowd doing cheers and chants while the students joined in. Varsity football team coaches were recognized, as well as the team's captains.

Tornadofest which included games and activities before the Homecoming game was a new experience to conclude Homecoming Week. A few clubs set up game booths and sold baked goods to guests. Seniors Melanie Herman and Melissa Shook took advantage of the booth set up by French Honor Society to have a picture taken posed as a cheerleader or football star.



Quiet atmosphere relaxes town



When driving by Corinth Church, drivers allow their eyes to leave the road for a second to view the striking architecture.

Have you ever realized that Hickory can be both exciting and quiet simultaneously? Hickoryites can live in the best of all worlds, year in and year out. They can sit back and watch spring warm into summer, summer cool into autumn, autumn freeze into winter, and winter thaw into spring. These changes in the seasons allow a variety of sports throughout the year and a constant fashion change.

Hickory, as a middle-sized southern town, offers different activities for the young and old.

The uniqueness of Hickory shows through its relaxed atmosphere. Union Square, in downtown Hickory, offers a place to shop and browse at leisure. The many parks and gardens share their beauty with those who enjoy the outdoors.

At Catawba Mall and Valley Hills Mall shopping can be done quickly as friends spend the afternoon together browsing.

Hickory seems to grow everyday with furniture markets and other businesses expanding.

All these advantages combine to make Hickory a delightful place to live and work.

Entertaining movies can be viewed at the numerous local theaters. The Carolina Theater is found in downtown Hickory.



Main Avenue Place Southwest is one of downtown Hickory's busiest streets because the main post office branch is located there.



Shoppers who visit Valley Hills Mall can shop in one of the many stores or enjoy a leisurely stroll around the mall. Also, shoppers can observe some of the extra activities sponsored by the mall like this brass quartet.

Union Square Common in downtown Hickory has a pleasant atmosphere to shop in. The once old buildings have been renovated into new department stores and specialty shops.



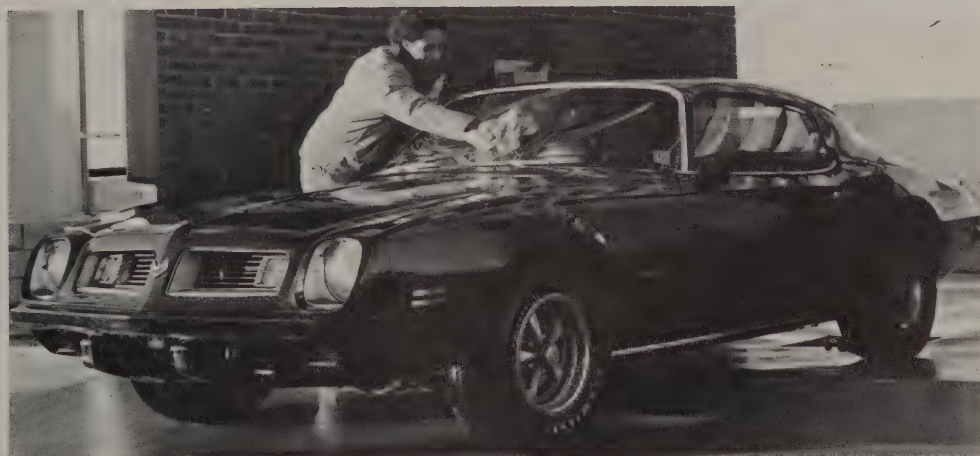


At the grand opening of the solar heated bank, Miss Hickory, Monica Boston, signs autographs. Playing cards provides these men with time to relax after a day of hard work.

Hickory is fortunate to have some of the most beautiful houses and landscape in the state. The Mills home is one of Hickorys' elegant old homes.



Pigeons are fun to watch, and feeding them gives people time out from their busy schedules to sort their many thoughts.



At one of the many carwashes, a Hickory citizen shines up his Firebird to impress people around town.

Hickory enjoys sounds of Free Fare

Free Fare, a born-again Christian group, visited Hickory High. Free Fare was part of the "Young American Showcase" whose home is in Jacksonville, Florida. The group toured September through May and attend camp June through August.

Mike Loreda, 20; John Phillips, 19; Lee Murkey, 20; Brooke Hopkins, 20; Billy Dillon, 20; and Dave Wagner, 20; made up the six member band called Free Fare.

The band was talented and the student body responded accordingly, yelling and applauding enthusiastically. The band performed such popular songs as "September" and "Brick House" by the Commodores, and "He's My Brother." Also, the band performed a mock skit, using students and teachers from the audience.

The following night, Free Fare had a concert for the community. The band performed a whole new routine which included a drum solo by Billy Dillon, a new program of songs, and a new skit based on the Pink Panther. The band equaled or surpassed their performance of the previous day. Students and adults all seemed to enjoy the concert.



Through the song "He's My Brother," Lee Murkey tells his audience of his feelings for people.

Base Guitar player Dave Wagner sets the tone for Free Fare. Versatile as the others, Dave sings base in several of the band's selections.



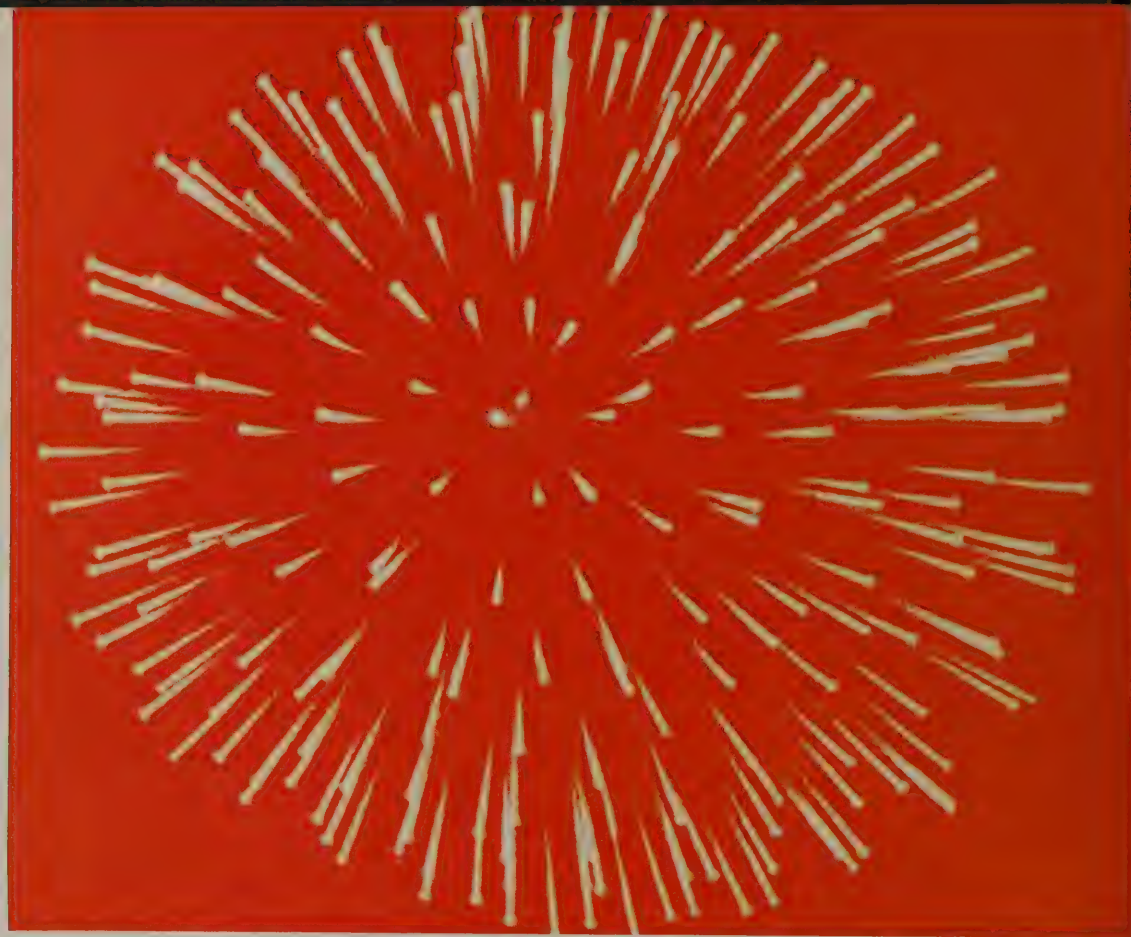
Captivating the audience with his guitar solos is Free Fare member John Phillips. John not only plays the guitar but sings back-up for the group too.



In addition to playing the keyboards for Free Fare, Brooke Hopkins entertains the audience with a comic skit about a frustrated pencil salesman.



Multi-talented Mike Lored is a vocalist and percussionist for Free Fare. Perhaps even a greater talent is Mike's humorous personality that delights the audience.



Hundreds attend the fair

Silly, eager, excited,
Runny-nosed little ones,
Groups of teenagers,
Parents wandering and waiting,
Hundreds attend the fair.

Cotton candy dissolving in mouths,
Candy apples making sticking messes,
Buttered popcorn shared by friends,
SnoCones melting on little hands,
Hundreds attend the fair.

Hurricane spinning forwards and backwards,
Tobaggan racing down and around curves,
Ferris wheels lifting you into the sky,
Merry-go-rounds and pony rides thrilling youngsters,
Hundreds attend the fair.

Trying out lucky guesses,
Showing off for girlfriends,
Checking out accurate aim,
Knocking down milk bottles,
Hundreds attend the fair.

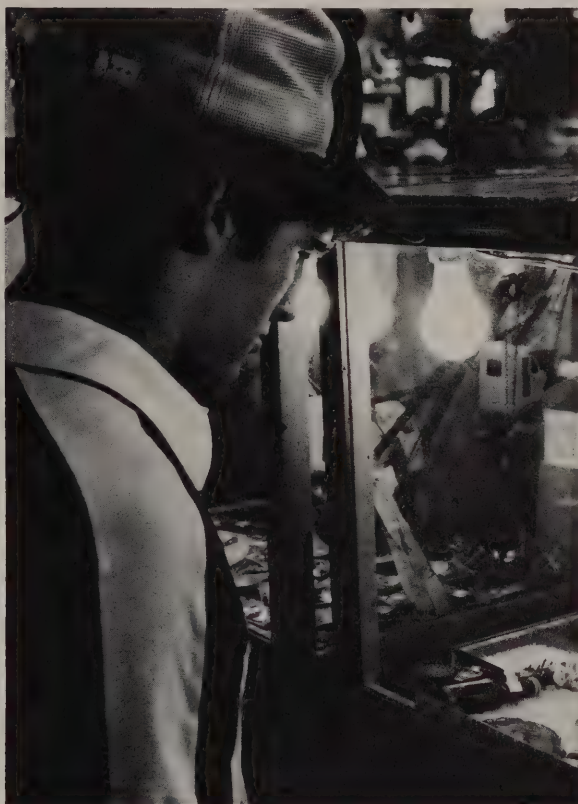
Picking your way out of the House of Mirrors,
Screaming through the Haunted House,
Petting horses and cattle in the stables,
Looking amazed at the spectacular fireworks,
Hundreds attend the fair.

Getting off of the last rides,
Filing out of the gates,
Searching frantically for your car,
Waiting forever in mile long lines,
Hundreds attended the fair.



Soaring high above the crowd, the double ferris wheel, decorated with dazzling lights, is an inviting ride to all.

Maneuvering the handles to operate the crane, junior Britt Griffith attempts to grab his choice of the hidden treasures. Britt soon discovers the crane game is a little harder than it appears since the crane does not always cooperate.



To get a greater advantage over the odds, junior Terry Young leans over the counter to pitch his coins, Terry hopes to win a prize in this popular yet expensive game.



Students make future plans



Cars all over Hickory High school parking lots have bumper stickers to show their college favorites. Here three North Carolina colleges are represented.

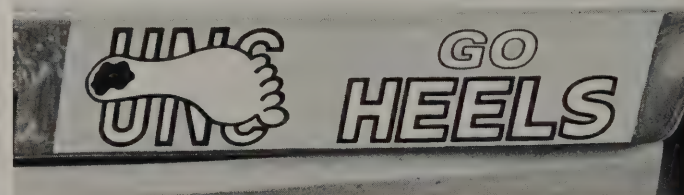
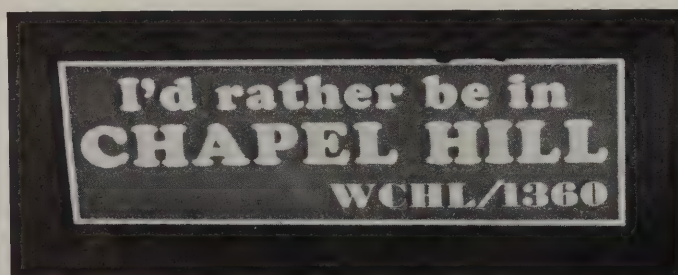
College seems to be on the minds of every high school student. Whether to go to college or not is a big decision that involves a major commitment of time and money.

While many students choose to go to two year colleges and four year colleges, some elect to stop their education after high school.

High school is the place to make decisions concerning the future. Academic courses can be selected with future college majors in mind and to build strength in basic areas. College-bound students try to keep their grade point averages high as well as their class rank. The students nervously prepare themselves for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test and subsequent Scholastic Aptitude test in hopes of scoring high for the college entrance requirements.

Everyone has their own image of college life. Whether it be a life of parties and good times, or a time of studying, they look forward to being on their own. College is a place where students mature and make plans and decisions for a career.

Even people who don't plan four years of college have a personal favorite. Loyalties are based on sports, academics, and where relatives went to college.





This sweat shirt from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro is worn by Cindy Miner.



T-shirts are seen all over school representing college favorites. Senior Beth Lavender shows her support for Peace College which she will attend next year.



Pens that were given away during junior magazine sales are seen all through school. These two pens show students' support for North Carolina State and Wake Forest.

Lucas finds differences

"Ten minutes before I left, they shoved a little piece of paper in my hand with an address on it and that's all I knew," said exchange student senior Christine Lucas about her destination.

On Christine's first trip to the States, that address told her little, as she had no idea where Hickory, N.C. was. Christine's American home was with Jan Bridges' family at 1961 15th Ave. S.W.

In Mt. Eliza, Australia, Christine's real home, the American Field Service (AFS) program was run a little differently than the one here. A period of six months was used for strict selection. In the beginning of the selection, there were 40 students, but only four scholarships were given. About once a month there were AFS sponsored activities in which some applicants were eliminated. In comparison with the selection processes here, the elimination of 36 applicants was long and drawn out.

A private girl's school with grades

Being a foreign-exchange student allows Christine to start many long-lasting friendships. Here she spends lunch with senior Jeff Wallace.

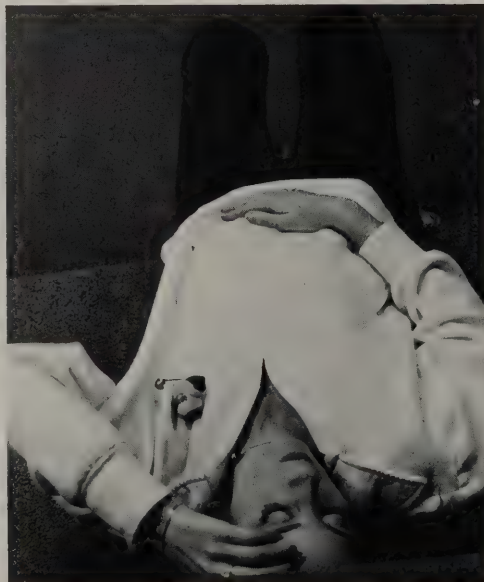


one through twelve and 600 students was extremely strict. The attire at school consisted of uniforms with dresses, long socks, blazers, and hats. Make-up and drastically dyed hair were not allowed, and if their hair touched their shoulders it had to be worn up.

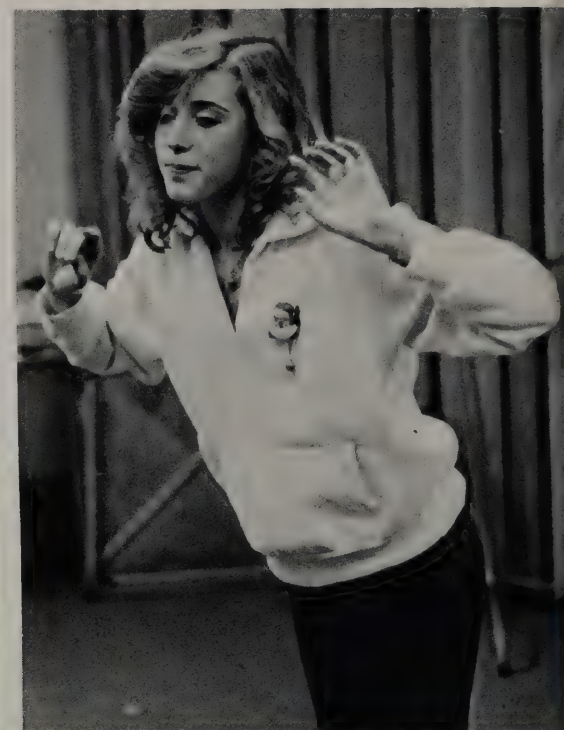
"There were people at the gates to enforce the dress code when you entered and when you left, checking your uniform to make sure it was on right," said Christine.

At the end of four years of schooling, the graduating class was given a High School Certificate exam. No one graduated unless this test was passed. Christine left during the middle of the twelfth grade to go to Hickory. In her senior year in Australia, she took humanities courses: English, English Literature, French, Asian History, Art History, and photography.

After returning to her homeland, Christine hoped to pursue a drama career doing stage work for the theater. If not acting she wanted to teach mime and pantomime to deaf adolescents. She left for home in July after spending a year here.



Pleased to be at Hickory High, Christine stands for a scrapbook photo in front of the school.



During sixth period Drama class, Christine demonstrates her skill in the art of pantomime.

After a long hard Drama practice, Christine takes a much-needed rest.

Deal and Boyd travel for AFS

While friends were vacationing at the beach, Beth Deal was an American Field Service (AFS) foreign exchange student to Belgium.

In her host family, her father was a member of Parliament and, therefore, she became familiar with their form of government.

Belgium was just a short drive from other countries. Just as in Hickory it was said that someone was going to Charlotte, those in Belgium said they were going to Amsterdam. One day trips filled Beth's summer with sight-seeing and touring.

Because a driver's license was not obtained until 18 years of age, Beth and her sister rode bikes everywhere. Riding to town to go window shopping was done on several occasions.

"A bike ride to town and back was several miles everyday. We'd go look in shops but hardly ever buy anything because of the prices," said Beth.

Everyone went out together, as a group, dancing and bike riding. There were several discos near Beth's home and she went to most of them.

"Someone with a car would take a group of friends and we'd go to one place for awhile and then go on to the next place," said Beth.



Beth Deal

After finishing her third year of Spanish, Sandy Boyd became an American Field Service (AFS) exchange student to Argentina for the summer. Her family, parents, and three sisters, spoke no English.

While living in Argentina, Sandy attended high school with her 17-year-old sister. There were also vocational and technical schools in the area. School began early in the morning with a break around noon.

Adjusting to a completely different schedule was difficult. She was up at dawn and in bed around midnight. Mealtime was another difference in Sandy's new home. Dinner was not served until 10 p.m. and then there were four to five courses after which the family spent time together before retiring.

During her spare time, Sandy accompanied her sister to the neighborhood cafe where they enjoyed seeing friends. Going out was done in groups because most teenage girls weren't allowed to date. The two sisters also went shopping and sight-seeing together.

Sandy's father worked as an auto parts salesman while her mother kept the home going.

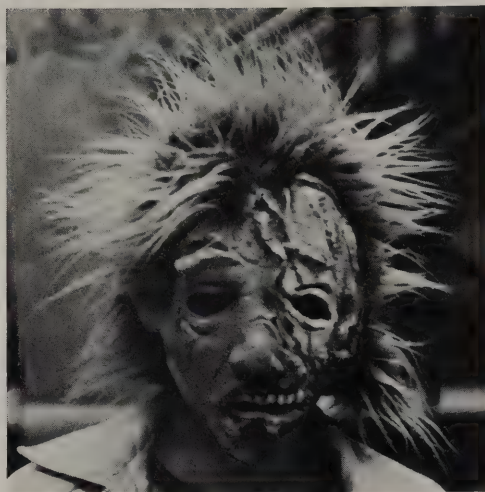
Returning to Hickory, Sandy brought with her many memories and friendships.



Sandy Boyd

Charming Miss Piggy, Ms. Martha Bruton incognito, bats her eyes and crinkles her nose in hopes that her Kermit will pass by.

The skeleton of a Spartan player forms a prop for junior Robin Miller as he dons his favorite Halloween costume. The festivities of Transylvania Day are viewed by Miller and junior Britt Griffith during their lunch break.



On Transylvania Day, gruesome monsters come out of hiding to prove that even they have school spirit. Surely no team will be audacious enough to face these fans.



JOURNEY LEADS...

Anyone walking through the doors of Hickory High school during homecoming week felt what every student present felt — a sense of unity mixed with exciting anticipations of what the week would bring. A huge cardboard balloon suspended in the middle of the mall displayed the theme of the week, "Around the World in Victory!" The week would culminate with the homecoming game with the South Caldwell Spartans.

Monday morning, October 22, the students started their journey "Around the World in Victory," landing in Greece. Students in their togas were heard yelling, "Spear the Spartans!" This was also a day to find the Spirit. A clue to where the spirit token might be found was given to the students when they bought a lunch. This token was redeemable for five dollars. Lunch was also a good time to stop and vote for the Ugliest Man on Campus.

Many students had sunglasses on Tuesday to shield their eyes from the tropical sun of Hawaii. Brightly colored shirts, decorated with leis were seen everywhere. Grass skirts and muu-muus were worn by the girls. Everyone knew it would only be a matter of time before they said Aloha South Caldwell.

The cowboys were riding high Wednesday, charging

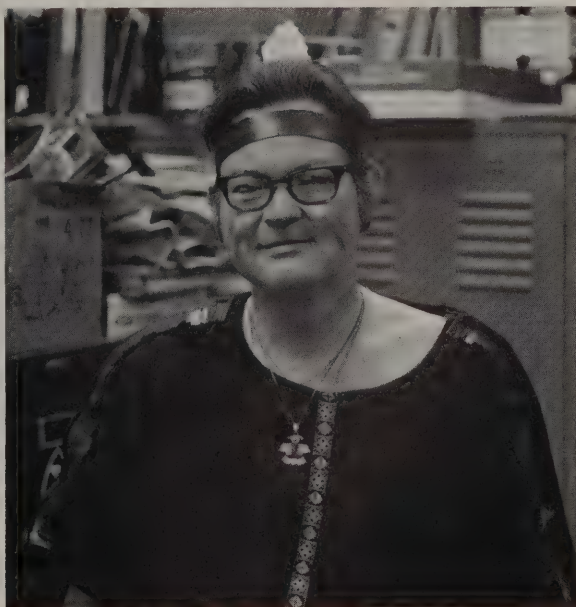
through the halls with their maroon and gold cowboy hats. Sheriffs had their badges pinned to their vests, ready to do their duty. However, the gangsters, their faces hidden by bandanas, were tough competition. Most of the shoot outs were kept under control. At chow time the cowboys and cowgirls moseyed on down to the corral, otherwise known as the mall, for the election of the homecoming queen. After school, cheerleaders showed their spirit by holding a slave auction in which they were sold as the slaves.

It was a frightening experience to walk down the halls on Thursday, Transylvania Day. The motto was "Spook the Spartans," and monsters of all kinds lurked behind every corner. There were witches who could be heard cackling and Dracula's bride stalked the corridors. Other Halloween characters were spotted including clowns, and Miss Piggy was in constant search of her Kermit. This was also the last day to participate in the teacher scavenger hunt. Students tried to find answers to zany questions about teachers such as: "Who toured the sewers of Paris?" and "Who left their appendix in South Africa?" Ms. Doris Wallace and Raymond Barrett, respectively admitted to these feats. (continued next page)



Wild sunglasses disguise senior Joan Callanan as she buys a snack for lunch on Hawaiian Day.

On Western Day, Raymond Barrett, Science teacher, hunts for Spartans whom he may use as cadavers in his science classes.



TO VICTORY

Students darted here and there Thursday trying to get more pennies for their classes' pickle barrel. Each class, sophomore, junior, and senior had pennies together with silver coins in their decorated barrels. A penny was one vote and a quarter, for example, from another class, would subtract 25 votes.

Friday, they were ready to seal the victory. Students dressed in team colors, for it was "Garnet and Gold Day." Third period, the homecoming assembly began in the gym. Queen's court and Homecoming sponsors were introduced. Then came the dubing of The Ugliest Man on Campus. David Richards, senior class president otherwise known as "Lester the Bumpkin," captured the victory for the seniors. David's crown was made out of balloons and he also won a check larger than himself in size, signed by Mr. Williamson, for ten dollars. It became a double victory for the seniors as it was announced that they were the only class that did not have a negative amount of votes for the pickle barrel contest. These activities were followed by the mini-parade in which Grand Marshall Raymond Barrett presided. The floats showed great creativity in the manner they were constructed and decorated. In the end, the Key club took the honors in club competition while the

juniors won class competition. The cheerleaders led the fans in many cheers and taught them new ones to yell at the game. Everyone was involved in the hand clapping and foot stomping to the exciting music of the band. After school, the Student Council sponsored the bar-be-que dinner called Tornado Fest. It was a fun time to talk with friends, play booth games, and of course, watch the launching of the hot air balloon.

Soon it was time for the game, which was what homecoming was all about. The football team was determined to keep their winning streak alive and proved it by defeating South Caldwell, 28-6.

Homecoming ceremonies took place before and during halftime of the game. Homecoming sponsors and their escorts were introduced prior to the game. At halftime the suspense was finally over as Jennifer Loyd was crowned homecoming queen.

The victory was celebrated Saturday night when students gathered in the mall for the homecoming dance. A band from Atlanta, "Contagious," was featured.

It had certainly been an unforgettable week. Homecoming 1979 had surpassed all expectations.



Stunts performed by varsity cheerleaders entertain students during Homecoming assembly.



Loved by most, clowns are on hand at Tornado Fest to cheer for the Red Tornadoes. Hickory Juniores' president, senior Barbara Deaton, gives out suckers.





In the Teacher Kissing race, junior Myra Miller kisses principal, Henry Williamson. At the end of the race, Jim Coble, Social Studies teacher, is shocked to receive a pie in his face instead of a kiss.



Also joining in the Homecoming mini-parade is the Child Development Class. All are dressed as children from around the world as they accompany the Spanish club float.



Winning the mini-parade competition, Key club's float travels around the gym. Senior member Andy Bost tosses candy to the crowd while being pushed by seniors Kevin Michael and Eric Martin.

As auctioneer at the cheerleader slave sale, senior Reid Watts urges the student body to make a high bid on senior Tammy Kunkle. The cheerleaders perform assigned tasks for their masters.

Head cheerleader crowned queen during festivities



Smiling with pleasure and excitement, Jennifer Loyd and Melinda Lawrence receive applause from the crowd.



After being declared Homecoming Queen, Jennifer Loyd bends her head to receive the crown from Student Council President, Ken Smith.

As ten senior girls walked across the field during half-time festivities, the fans held their breath to see who would be the Homecoming Queen. It was finally announced. Jennifer Loyd was the new Queen.

Jennifer, head of varsity cheerleaders, a member of Spanish club, Sub-Juniors, Interclub, National Honor Society and Homeroom Representatives was escorted by Neil Good, '79. Jennifer was also on the tennis team and had a part-time job at Viewmont Pharmacy. She was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Melinda Lawrence was runner-up, therefore she was named Maid of Honor. Escorted by Sammy Lewis, '79, Melinda was a member of Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish club, Homeroom Representatives and the Hickory High track team. She was also a Sunday school youth director at Morningstar Baptist Church.

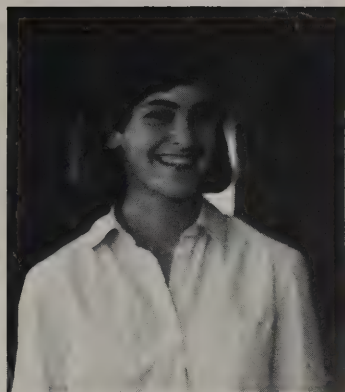
The senior class chose the girls for Queen's Court. Voting took place during Homecoming week by the Student Body. Senior votes counted three times, junior votes twice, while sophomore votes counted once.



Melinda Lawrence



Caroline Burleson



Barbara Deaton



Sarah Deaton



Jane Keppel

Other girls in Queen's Court included Caroline Burleson, Barbara Deaton, Sarah Deaton, Jane Keppel, Tammy Kunkle, Ginger Lowder, Joni Lundquist and Carol Ann Swann.

Caroline Burleson was escorted by Chuck Trado, '78. Caroline was a member of Homeroom Representatives, president of her youth group and sang in the youth choir at First Baptist Church.

Barbara Deaton was president of Sub-Juniors, treasurer of French Club, a member of French Honor Society, and Interclub. She was also on the Tennis team and sang in the youth choir at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She was also lay assistant in worship and music committee. Barbara was escorted by Robert Colbert, '79.

Sarah Deaton was treasurer of Sub-Juniors, treasurer of French Honor

Society, National Honor Society, Octagon Society, Homeroom Representatives and the tennis team. Escorted by Spencer Mullins, Sarah was also a ward secretary at Glen R. Frye Hospital and in the Holy Trinity church youth choir.

Escorted by Clay Ackard, '79, Jane Keppel was first vice-president of the Student Council, president of Homeroom Representatives, vice-president of Sub-Juniors, secretary-treasurer of Interclub, a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Octagon Society. She was also a lifeguard at Lake Hickory Country Club and attended Corinth Church.

As a varsity cheerleader, Tammy Kunkle was a member of Octagon Society and Key club. She attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Tammy enjoyed water-skiing and playing tennis.

Tammy was escorted by Andy Bost.

Ginger Lowder was a member of Octagon Society, Future Business Leaders of America and Homeroom Representatives. She was also in the Youth group at First Methodist Church and worked at Bumbargers. Ginger was escorted by Joe Coldwell, '78.

Joni Lundquist was a varsity cheerleader and a member of Health Occupation Students of America club. She was also an active member of Bethany Lutheran church. Joni was escorted by Bruce Hartsell.

Carol Ann Swann was secretary-treasurer of Homeroom Representatives and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sub-Juniors and Octagon Society. She was also in the Youth group and choir at First Baptist church. She was escorted by Scott Keller, '79.



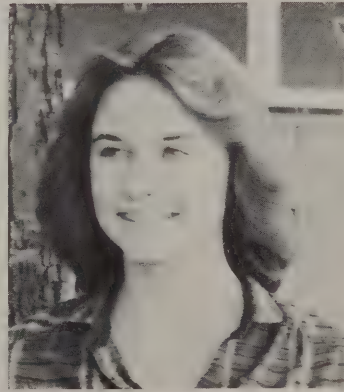
Tammy Kunkle



Ginger Lowder



Joni Lundquist



Carol Ann Swann



Time between classes provides break



Chairs in the mall provide a resting place for senior Felicia Culbreath, sophomores Garfield Washington and Tracy Reinhardt. Before class they have a few minutes to talk about the events of the day.

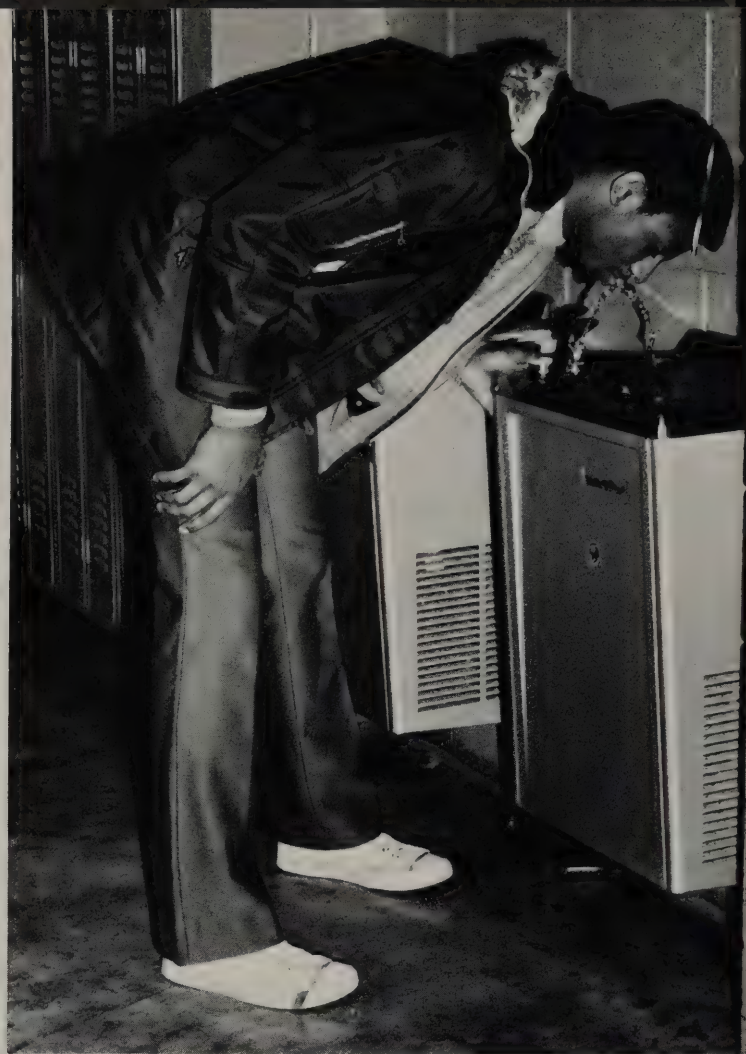
While leaning on the rail, senior Bill Cason studies Cliff Notes. He believes these will aid him in understanding the book he is reading for his English class.

Much of the activity during school took place between classes. Students enjoyed seeing friends a few moments before their next class. As some discussed tests and homework assignments, others talked about the weekend and other activities.

Standing at the rails that overlooked the mall area, students either watched as others passed them or thought about their next period tests. The rails also made a good place for some to meet.

Other people sometimes met at the outside smoking area. Smoking was their way of relieving tension after or before a hard test.

Lockers throughout the school were also surrounded by people talking and getting supplies for their classes. Some might stop at a nearby water fountain to get a drink.



During the break between classes, sophomore Ronald Carson stops to get a drink of water.

Having a test next period, sophomore Kim Vondrehle quickly pulls out her notes hoping the five minutes between classes will be enough time to refresh her memory.



Students cross sea for Easter vacation

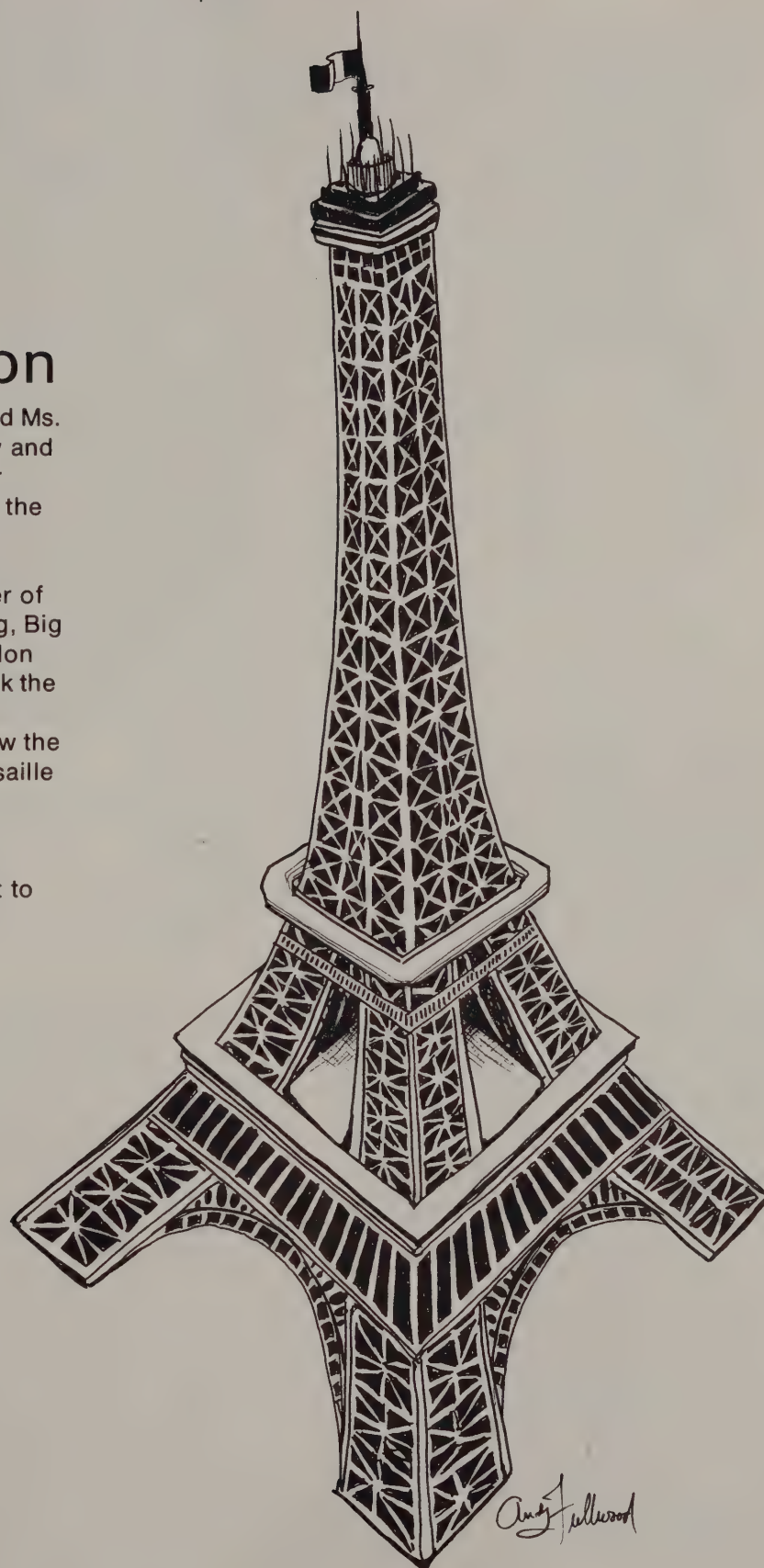
Led by Ms. Martha Bruton, Ms. Mary Ellen Oyler and Ms. Susan Mason, thirty-three students from Grandview and College Park Junior Highs and Hickory High left for Europe April 7 along with many other tourists from the United States going for their Easter vacation.

After landing in London, the group went to many landmarks and interesting places such as the Tower of London, the London Bridge, the Parliament Building, Big Ben, the theater version of Rocky Horror, and London Experience, which tells the story of London from Jack the Ripper to the London Fire.

From there the group went to Paris where they saw the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Louvre, and The Versaille Palace.

Although staying for only nine days many of the students said the trip was really worthwhile.

One of the students, Arthur Stauffer said, "I want to return again whenever I get a chance."



Nativity scenes are found on the lawns of many Hickory residents who hope that people will stop and take the time to imagine what it was like to be a part of that miracle thousands of years ago.

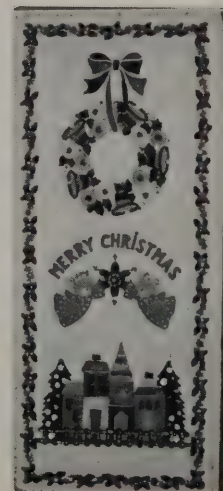
Christmas trees are a symbol of giving during the holiday season. The students stocked their tree with canned-goods for the needy.



Decorations warm holiday season

Wreaths and holly radiate the spirit of Christmas. This is one of the many homes that carry on the traditions of decorating.

During Christmas, bright banners issue an invitation to visitors.



Towering forty feet in the center of the mall, the glimmering Christmas tree sparked students Yuletide spirit. Cans accumulated gradually as students piled them around the base of the tree. Many students gave everyday, bringing canned goods from home to help with the drive sponsored by the Student Council as a donation for the Cooperative Christian Ministry. Adding incentive to the drive, Hickory High competed with St. Stephens High, the county school, to see who would get the largest number of cans. The loser would send five council members to the winning school where they would be the targets for a pie in the face. Totals were tabulated and posted in the mall every day. At the end of the competition, Hickory High triumphed over St. Stephens High. At the Christmas assembly St. Stephens' council members received their reward. A surprising guest, Ole St. Nick, took time out of his busy schedule to visit his children at the assembly. The Child Development class as well as other students were enchanted.

Music filled the assembly as children sang "Rudolph" and other favorites for Santa. Meanwhile, some also got to sit on his knee. The chorus had obviously been working hard, as they displayed their talents through familiar Christmas carols. With several traditional pieces, the band also helped to set the holiday mood.

Every student received a Christmas card from the members of their graduating class who were on the Student Council. This was done to bring the student body closer together through the spirit of Christmas.

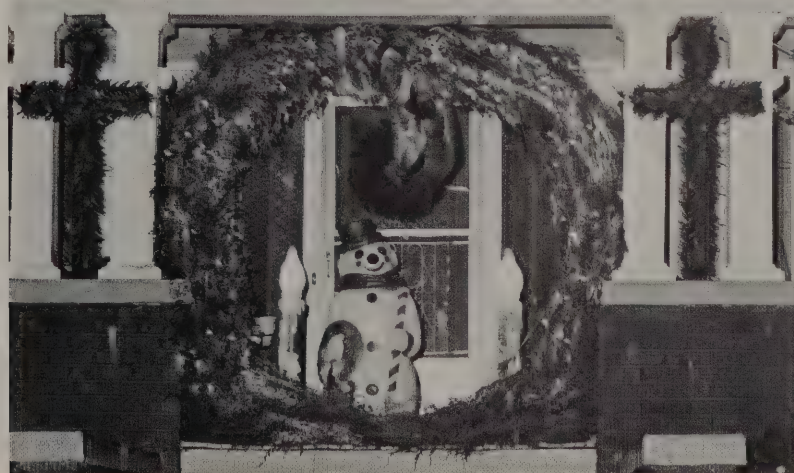
Charlie Brown's Disco from Charlotte helped to make the Christmas dance successful. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music, light show, and all of the special effects.

As Christmas neared, everyone joined in the festivities of trimming their trees and decorating their homes. When the holiday vacation began, students had time to observe decorations around the city.



Christmas refreshments are prepared by Ms. Henry Williamson for the faculty members. The informal gathering gives the teachers and administration time to relax and enjoy Christmas.

Driving through Hickory close to Christmas time, spectators see every kind of decoration imaginable. Snowmen, flashing lights, and bells give a warm Christmas greeting to all.



Western setting carries out pageant theme

One would think there was a dude ranch right here in the school mall. At least that was the way it appeared April 19 as the Quill and Scroll Beauty Pageant began its evening in "West World."

In a western saloon setting complete with bar stools and swinging doors, forty girls danced to Neil Diamond's "Forever in Blue Jeans." They were dressed to fit the atmosphere in blue jeans and western shirts. As the pageant continued, the

girls introduced themselves to the audience and judges.

Later in the event the contestants changed into their evening gowns and were escorted back into the "saloon" by one of four young men. Chris Barringer, Eric Byrd, Brian Kennedy, and George Oglesby alternated taking the girls down the stairs to the stage.

Between appearances a band and varied skits and jokes were provided for entertainment. The tal-

ented foursome playing in the band were Eddie Bolick, Jeff Lynch, Paul Ramsour, and Jeff Teague.

Skits from "Saturday Night Live" were acted out by Matthew Davis and David Sigmon while the emcees for the pageant, Paul Ramsour and David Robinette, told a few unusual jokes.

After each of the appearances, three people shared the responsibility of being judges. Don Coleman, a local business man and director of the

Hickory Chorus; Ms. Cecelia Forney, Catawba County music teacher; and Kenneth Matulia, Hickory Police Chief made three eliminations until they decided on the ten finalists. From these girls they chose Charlotte Smith, third runner-up; Ginger Lowder, second runner-up; Mandy Caldwell, first runner-up; and Sharon Glass, 1979 Miss Hickory High.



Forty girls begin the contest with a dance which carries out the theme "West World."

After being crowned the 1979 Miss Hickory High, sophomore Sharon Glass receives congratulations from the pageant emcees, seniors Paul Ramsour and David Robinette.





Judging the Quill and Scroll Beauty Pageant, Don Coleman, Ms. Cecelia Forney, and Kenneth Matulia scrutinize every move of the beauty pageant's contestants.

Proudly smiling, sophomore Sharon Glass comprehends the honor of winning the Miss Hickory High Beauty Pageant.



In a comical skit, senior Matthew Davis interviews senior David Sigmon as part of the entertainment for the pageant.





Attending the prom with a friend is junior Amina Barrios from Panama. Amina's friend shows his American steps while she shows some of her dance steps from Panama.

Prom goes dance and reminisce

Prom was the one night of the year to wipe out savings on beautiful dresses, matching tuxedos, corsages, and dinner at places like Paige 1, Le Charolais, and the Wedgewood.

The night was spent dancing, laughing, and reminiscing. The band, Subway, filled the mall with music to dance by. Seniors exchanged feelings about the year and future plans, having a few regrets about leaving Hickory High. Even so, the mall had an atmosphere of a big party.

During the dance, people gathered around the many tables centered with small flower carts, while others mingled and ate refreshments. Long lines of people waited patiently for the traditional prom pictures and the National Honor Society performed a Maypole dance to a song from "Camelot."

At 12 p.m. the band played its last selection while everyone said their goodbyes and headed for late night parties and breakfast with friends.

Prom is something special for senior Bonnie Bolick and Paul Duffy. They planned to be married shortly after graduation ceremonies.





Taking advantage of a break in the music, junior Jimmy Camp and sophomore Meg Austin contemplate a kiss.

Dancing the night away are senior Chris Smithey and sophomore Angie Sigmon. Her smile reveals the excitement of the evening.



Dancing the shag to the beat of Subway's music are seniors Brian Kennedy and Ellie Jeffers.



Subway, the band for junior-senior, specializes in rock and roll. Here two members show off some of their musical talent.



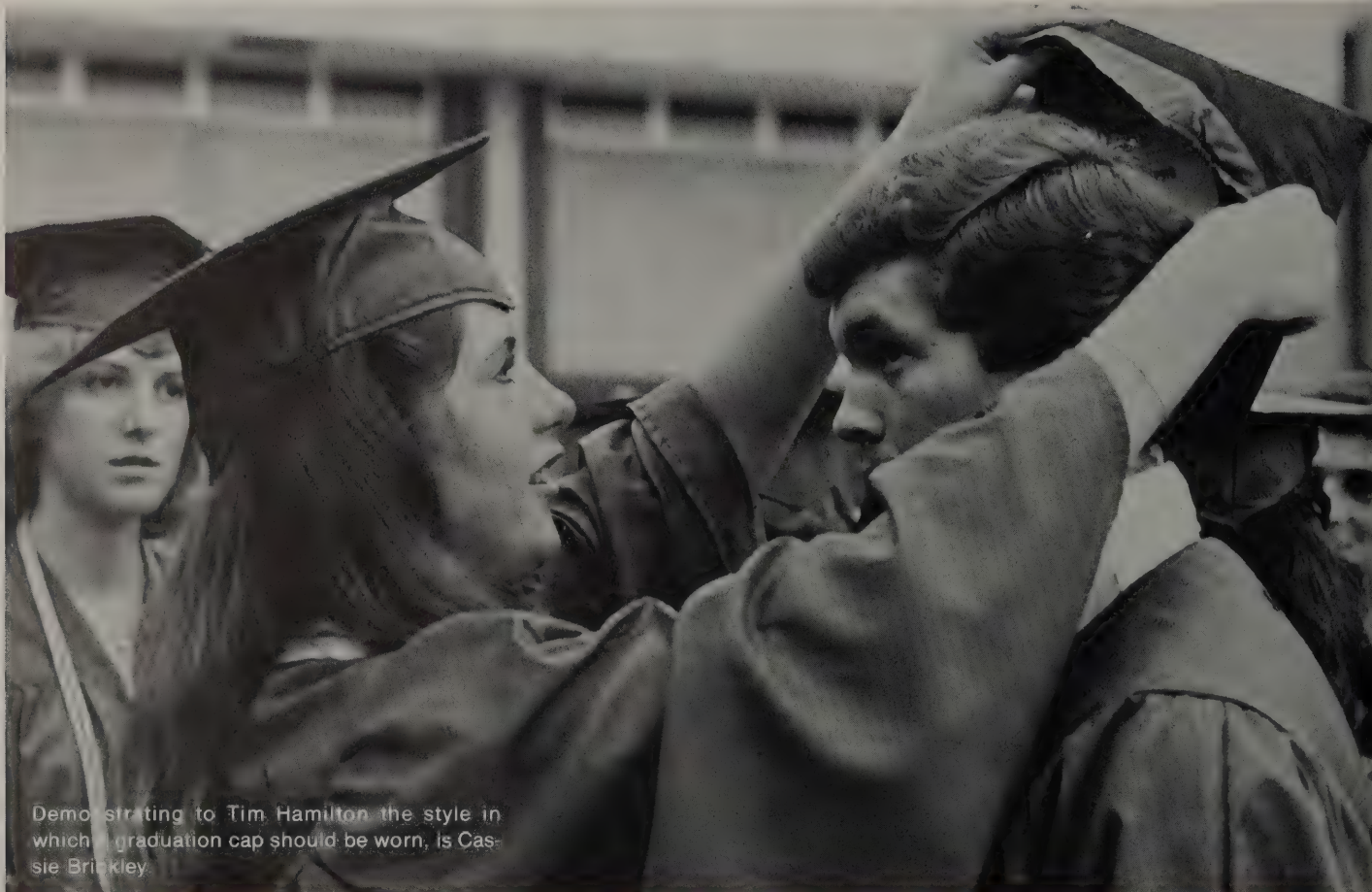
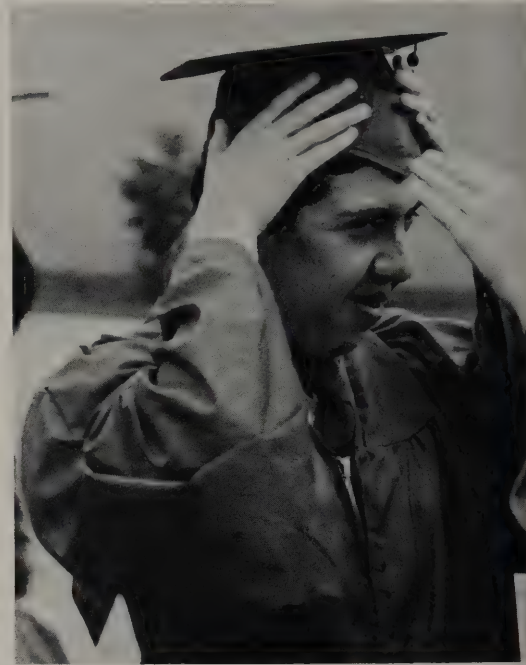
Exchange student Rodrigo Saavedra, from the city of Temuco, near Chile, wants his attire to be perfect when he walks into the gymnasium.

Many factors contributed to the successful completion of twelve years of hard work for the 1979 graduates. Two of the key factors were family and friends and these people came together in the gymnasium to share in this occasion June 7, at 8 p.m.

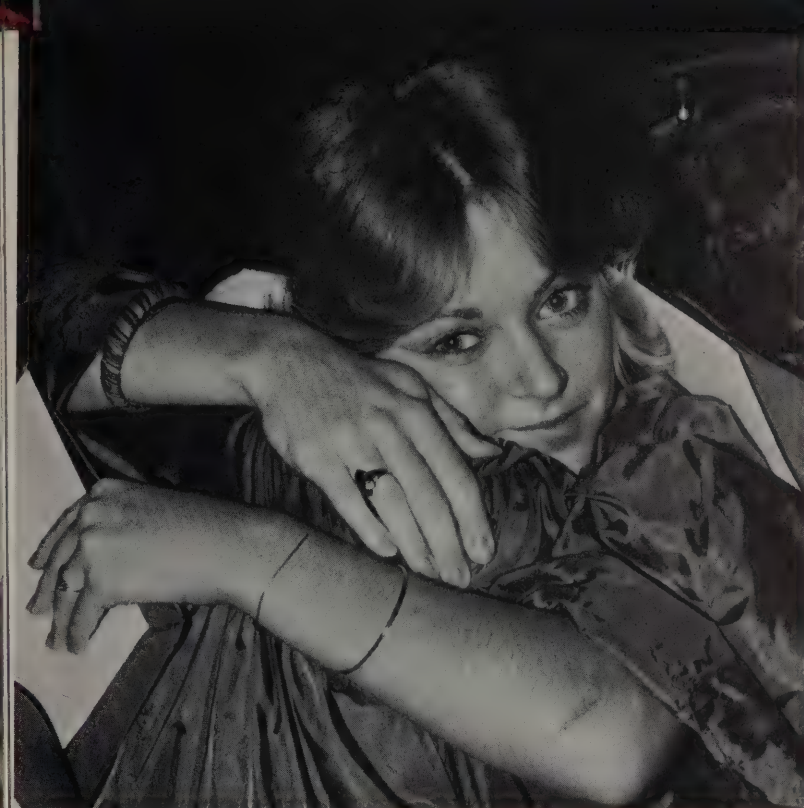
Honor students and award recipients were recognized by Ms. Josephine Luck, Pupil Personnel Director. The 309 students were presented their diplomas by Principal Henry Williamson; Dr. Joseph Wishon, Superintendent; and Harold Poovey, chairman of the School Board. Traditional tapping of the bell and turning of the tassels concluded the ceremony.

GRADUATION:

*Family and friends
join graduates*

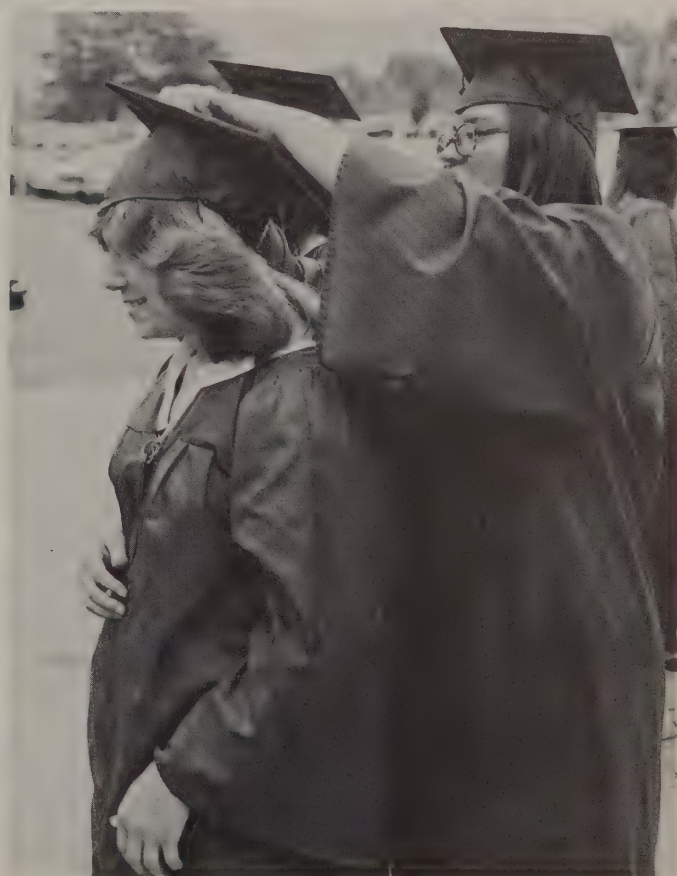


Demonstrating to Tim Hamilton the style in which a graduation cap should be worn, is Cassie Brickley.



Hugging a friend, Kim Throneburg displays all the emotions of graduation day.

Proudly searching for their names on the graduation program are Matt Zorn, Bruce Bolick, and Robert Dicks.



Ruth Harrison helps a friend with her graduation cap.

After the Graduation Ceremonies, Robin Billingsley attempts to stop the flow of Robin Bowman's tears.

New faces mean new friends

On the first day of school, friends gathered to talk of their summer and to make acquaintance with new students seen throughout the halls. These new students came from states all over the country as well as other schools in North Carolina.

New adjustments and making friends were just a few of the bridges these students had to cross. They worried about being accepted; but once friends were made, they had a place in their new school. When questions arose about the meanings of strange new expressions like "Let's book," "laying out" and being "slack," these friends were consulted. Generally speaking, all the new students found that the school and social atmosphere were relaxed and that friends were easily made.

Red Land High in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania was the school junior Linda Werntz attended before she came to Hickory.

"The sports program and coaching staff are very organized here," said Linda who was enthusiastic about the quality of the boys sporting events.

Linda compared the two schools academically and found them to be equal; the only major difference was that German was offered as a foreign language in her old school. More school spirit was one thing Linda was glad to see.

Junior Rebecca Garrison rejoined old friends after a year at St. Catherine's, a boarding school in Richmond, Virginia. Rebecca found many differences in the two schools. At St. Catherine's, the teachers ate with the students and some lived on campus with the students. The work was much harder at St. Catherine's and a low grade average meant two hours per day of studying in the library.

Rebecca enjoyed field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse at her old school.

"The main difference in the two schools is that there are boys here," said Rebecca.

However there was a boys school down the road from St. Catherine's.

The one thing Rebecca enjoyed most was being back with old friends.

Sophomores Leslie Ochs from St. Stephens and D.D. Ballenger from North State Academy both transferred to Hickory High to pursue their common goals of becoming better swimmers. Hickory High's swimming team would provide them with the opportunity to excel in the sport because their old schools did not have swimming teams.

Both girls were excited about their new school and were especially delighted with the pep rallies.

"The pep rallies were so neat, and I bet all that spirit really psyched up the players," said D.D.

Senior Amy Tanner and sophomore Jody Tanner were sisters who came from Heritage Academy in Columbus, Mississippi. The girls lived in Mississippi only a year and found life in the deep south quite different from their previous home in Owensboro, Kentucky and also from their new home in Hickory.

"The traditions of the old south still influence the southerners slow and easy lifestyle," Amy said.

Jody found that Hickory High differed quite a bit from her previous school which had an enrollment of approximately 300 students.

"I really liked knowing practically everyone in my school last year. I wished Hickory High were a little less computerized, but I enjoyed the variety of classes offered," said Jody.

These students, after only a short time at school, were no longer classified as new by anyone. Friends were made in the classroom, at football games, and club meetings. Soon the unfamiliar was commonplace and strangers had become friends.



New students (from left) are Linda Werntz, Anneliese Simmons, Amy Tanner, Leslie Ochs, Jody Tanner, and D.D. Ballenger. Not pictured: Rebecca Garrison.

Sports



Concentrating on her fore-hand, junior Cathy Peebles prepares to return the serve. Cathy led the girl's tennis team to first place in state competitions.

Arms high sophomore Glenda Rice leads cheers during JV game.



"A casual attitude will disarm your opponent," Mr. C observed with deceptive confidence just before "The Great Bike Race."

Team work in football resulted in the team's triumphant travel to state play-offs. Coaches, fans and community added an emotional attitude and theme of spirit to the school. Al Young's fascinating performances excited the crowds in the stands. A sense of pride was felt by every age and kind. Hours of practice and skill paid off in wrestling, swimming, baseball, tennis and track. The games and matches brought students together and made the athletes achieve the true meaning of athletics.



HHS team rules conference.....

With an overall record of 11 wins and one loss, the varsity football team had its most successful season in the past decade. The team rolled to eleven straight victories before losing to eventual state champion High Point Central in the second round of the playoffs.

Hickory was led by an explosive offense including three all-conference players in the backfield, senior runningbacks Al Young and Donald Wilson and senior quarterback Jeff Bolch. Young rushed for a season total of 1332 yards and 25 touchdowns as he captivated the fans with his quickness and long, breakaway runs.

The team's defense was just as

As excitement fills the air, the Tornadoes, led by seniors Al Young and Chris Morrison, break through the senior class banner to start the game with a bang.

Receiving defensive and offensive formations from the upstairs booth, offensive line coach Larry Wittenberg walks the sidelines.

Members of the band show their enthusiasm after another touchdown is scored by the Tornadoes.





Senior Roderick Setzer and junior Mark Matulia surround a South Caldwell carrier.

Stepping in front of a McDowell receiver, sophomore Marvin Young intercepts a critical pass.



Senior Al Young leaves an Asheville defender behind on his way for a big gain. Al was named All-American and represented North Carolina in the Shrine Bowl.



The Hickory defense smothers the South
Candwell back for no gain.

.....and finishes at 11-1 mark

powerful as it held the opponent's offense to 8.8 points a game and 175.8 yards a game. Junior Robert Dixon led the team in tackles with 78.

Head coach Frank Barger said, "I believe this is one of the best teams I have ever coached, and I was really pleased by their progress throughout the year. The school and community's support of this team was tremendous, and I think it helped us greatly. With a strong returning group of players, we should play another strong role in our conference."

Varsity football: front row (from left): Pat Smith, Greg Ackard, Jeff Duncan, Dirk Thompson, Britt Griffith, Jeff Wallace, Chris Morrison, Bryan Parks, Kevin Shuford, Danny Huffman, Leon Powell, Marvin Young; second row (from left): Cameron Rice, Monroe Hewitt, Keith Oglesby, Melvin Conners, John Nowell, Jerry Steins, Mark Huggins, Mark Maddox, John Wood, Scott Stoker, Richard King, Mark Matulia; third row (from left): Lyn Baker, David Frye, Terry Witherspoon, Jeff Smith, Donald Wilson, Jeff Bolch, Dick Lineberger, David Arnold, Robert Dixon, Jeff Barger, Jimbo Ham; fourth row (from left): Gregory Johnson, Scott Morningstar, Michael Arndt, Roderick Setzer, Mike Galloway, Brian Poovey, Ty Berry, Don Payne, Don Bowman, Kevin Freeman, Ricky Whitener; Not pictured: Al Young, Terry Lawrence, Bernard Reynolds, Terry Young, Robert Cannon, Mickey Stokes.



Hickory back senior Donald Wilson plows up the middle for a short yardage first down.



Running around the end on a quarterback keeper, senior Jeff Bolch gains needed yardage.



After a Hickory TD, junior Mark Huggins discusses the extra point with Coach Frank Barger.

Junior Varsity remains undefeated



Junior varsity team: front row (from left): John Whisnant, Michael Gore, Lee James, Abraham Wright, Clifton Hoyle, Fritz Hester; second row (from left): Scott Whisnant, Marcus Hill, Stevie Surrat, Clay Gosnell, William Hill, Tracey Rinehardt; third row (from left): Pat Finegan, David Reese, Charles Mackey, Robert Cannon, Jonathon Mansburger, Greg Hefner, Wayne Huffman; back row (from left): Alex Reeves, Frank Butler, Charles Derr, James Dula, Mickey Stokes, Michael Widener, Clay Geitner.

Led by blocker Billy Pernell, junior Marcus Hill sweeps wide to gain a first down. Billy, not only a blocking back, ran for 720 yards in the season.

Undaunted by being the smallest team in their league, both in size and number, the JV's finished the season with an exciting eight wins, no losses, and two ties.

"We were always under rated in the games because our average player weighed only 180 pounds," said player Wayne Huffman. "The average weight of the opposing line was 200 pounds and up."

Wayne, who weighed about 118 and Pat Finegan at 125, alternated as flankers, a position comparable to the wide receiver in pro football.

The offense was sparked by Marcus Hill, Billy Pernell, and quarterback Lee James, who led Hickory's yardage department with 1,401 yards. Adding to Hickory's offensive bursts were the receivers, all of whom had at least one touchdown during the year.

In their game against Asheville, the defense held the Cougars to minus 13 yards rushing. Hickory scored 304 points for a 30 point game average, concluding a two-year undefeated streak.





Tossing a completion to Marcus Hill, quarterback Lee James keeps his eye on the ball. Hill was an excellent open field runner.



Around the right end on an option play, sophomore quarterback Lee James keeps the ball and cuts back into the crowd. Lee led the team in total offense with 1,401 yards.



Dirty from a hard day's work, sophomore Tracey Rinehardt takes the handoff from Lee James and turns it upfield. Rinehardt "bulldozed" for several critical first downs.

Tennis team plays to potential

"The boy's tennis team did an outstanding job playing to their potential in such a strong league as ours," said Jack Daughtery, tennis coach.

Despite a young team and stiff competition, the team compiled a record of five wins and seven losses. This record was good for fourth place in their powerful conference.

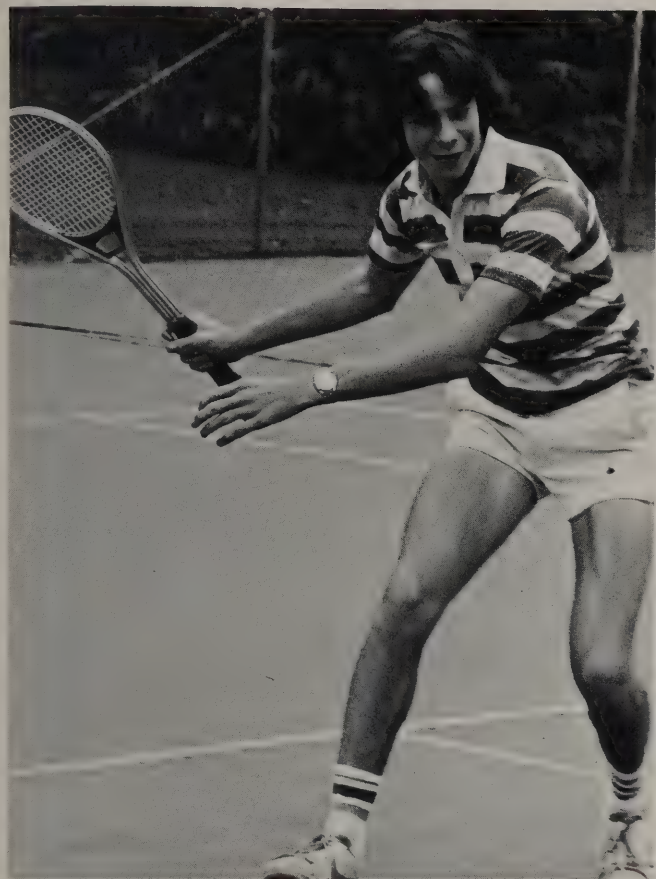
The team jumped an early conference record of 4-0 behind the outstanding play of juniors Barry Moran, Mike Adams, Dick Lineberger, Andy Bost, senior Ron Seib, and sophomore Andy Fullwood.

With the exception of Seib, the entire first six are returning for what should be eventful seasons in the future.

Suspended in air, junior Barry Moran delivers a wicked topspin.



Continuously watching the ball, sophomore Andy Fullwood steps up to and meets his shot.



Working on both his forehand and backhand strokes, junior Mike Adams practices at the Community Center.

Cheerleaders unique in conference

The varsity cheerleading squad was unique in the conference area by having an equal amount of girl and boy cheerleaders. Varsity cheerleaders raised money by selling flowers at homecoming, selling school buttons, and holding clinics for elementary and junior high students. The squad also made \$70 in the slave sale. At the slave sale squad members were auctioned to the highest bidder from the student body and had to carry out commands from their owners for three days.

"I think more people are becoming uninhibited enough to stand up and cheer at the games. School spirit is getting better and better," said head cheerleader Jennifer Loyd.

The junior varsity squad started out the year by raising \$51 in the slave sale. They sold candy, window stickers, and school buttons to raise money for new sweaters.

The JV squad made up the majority of their own cheers and helped greatly in promoting school spirit.

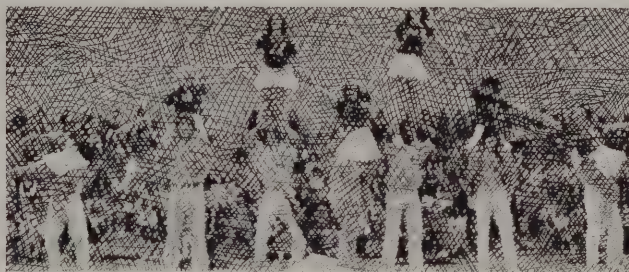
Looking forward to another win, senior Jennifer Loyd and junior Sandra Gentry count down the final seconds during the East Burke game.





Junior varsity cheerleaders: front row (from left): Alicia Smith, Sibyl Harshaw, Glenda Rice, Kelly Dixon, Dale Kinney; back row (from left); Angie Smith, Rosemary Dietz, Sylvia Robinson.

The varsity squad constructs a human pyramid during the homecoming pep rally, one of the many activities sponsored by the cheerleaders.



Varsity cheerleaders: front row: Jennifer Loyd, head cheerleader; second row (from left): Craig Abee, Jackie Lynch, Billy Miller, Sandra Gentry, co-head cheerleader, Dick Lineberger, Joni Lundquist, Gary Apple, John Palmer, Scott Gwynn; fourth row (from left): Mandy Caldwell, Regina Thomas, Myra Miller; fifth row: Tammy Kunkle; Not pictured: George Oglesby.



At a last minute practice, sophomores Glenda Rice, Sibyl Harshaw, Rosemary Dietz, and Angie Smith go over the cheer they have just learned.

Individual stars support team

The Hickory cross-country team finished sixth overall in the conference but there were a few bright spots. Seniors Bill Cason and Pam Robinson were both undefeated individual conference champions.

Strong contributors behind Cason were juniors Jeff Scott, Barry Huggins, John Milstead, and two freshmen, Peter Gillison and Brian Thompson.

Coach James Coble said, "Next year our team will be more team-oriented, because, of the twelve members on the team, nine will return. However, Bill, who finished tenth in the state meet, will be hard to replace."

Striving to keep his unbeaten string in tact, senior Bill Cason moves to pass an Asheville runner. Cason was undefeated for the second straight year.



Trying for a better time, junior David Lyerly passes an East Burke runner.



In the conference meet, junior Barry Huggins exerts himself for a better finish.



Front row: (from left); Brian Thompson, Steve Parrish, Peter Gillison, John Rogers, John Milstead, David Lyerly. Back row: (from left); Pam Robinson, Bill Cason, Craig Abee, Barry Huggins, Calvin Crawford, David Fogarty. Not pictured: Jeff Scott.



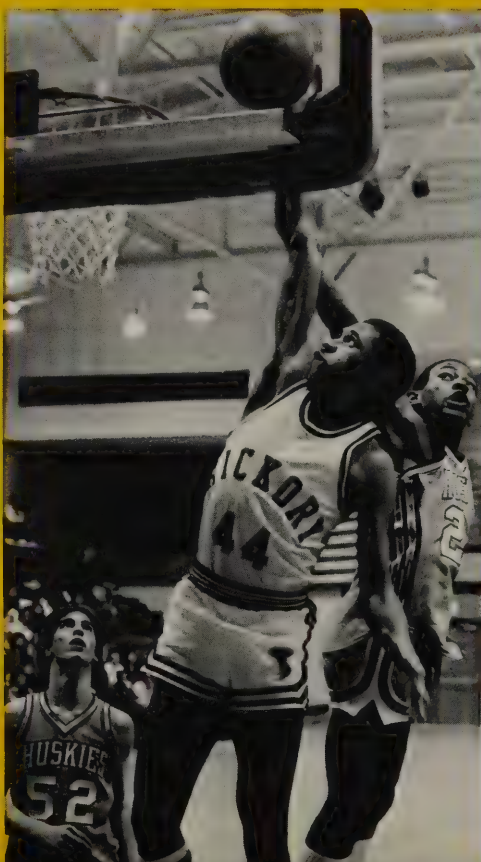
Pushing on the last leg of the course, senior Pam Robinson breaks the girl's course record at Freedom.

Varsity team 4th in state —



Varsity Basketball: front row (from left): manager Terry Rudolph, Marvin Young, Mark Huggins, Al Young, Jimbo Ham, Woody Poteat, manager Alvis Crutchfield; back row (from left): Coach David Craft, George Rhinehardt, Brad Benfield, Michael Arndt, Terry Lawrence, Tommy Maddox, Ronald Carson, manager David Lyerly.

Arm entwined with a Huskie defender, junior Terry Lawrence successfully completes his lay-up.

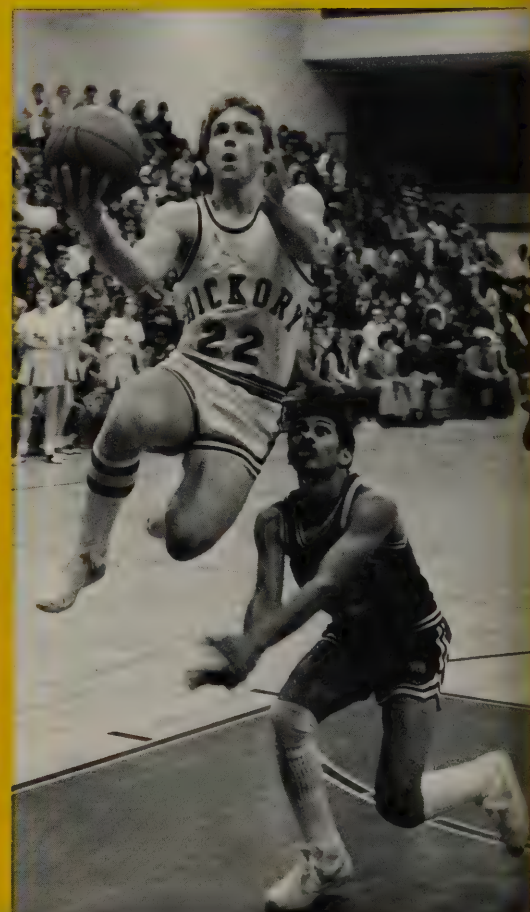


A long season of hard work and determination paid off for the varsity boys basketball team, who finished as both regular season and tournament champions. The Red Tornadoes went to the state playoffs with their first round game to be played against Chapel Hill High School.

"It took a long time for us to play like a team," said Coach David Craft, "but we finally played together to win 12 straight games in the second half of the year."

The team was led by senior guard Al Young, who averaged above 20 points throughout the season and excited the

Nimble junior Mark Huggins eyes the basket as he soars through the air over Freedom's Phil Thomas.





Highly recruited senior Al Young lays up a basket for the mighty Red Tornadoes.

After clearing on a fast break, junior Jimbo Ham shoots an easy lay-up.



Although heavily guarded, senior Tommy Maddox gets off his shot for two much-needed points against the Greyhounds of Statesville.

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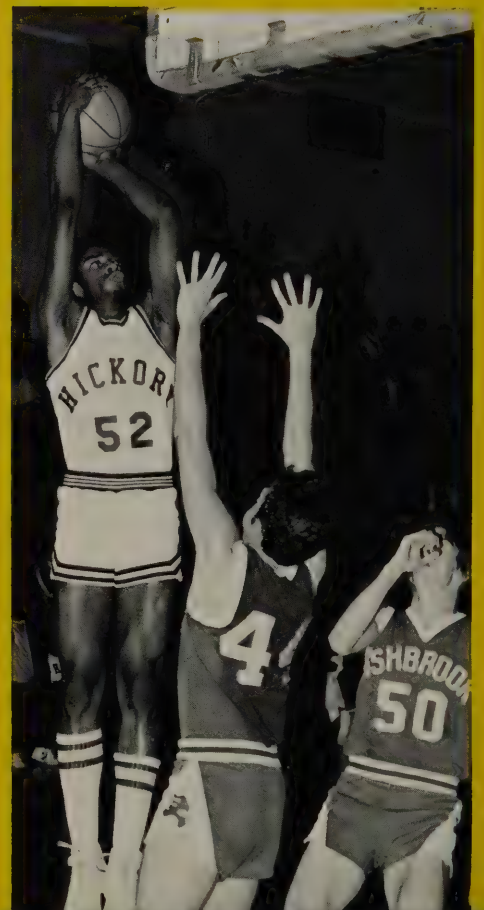


As the crowd roars, senior George "Iceman" Rhinehardt gives them what they want, a slam-dunk.

fans with his breakaway slam-dunks. Seniors George Rhinehardt and Tommy Maddox led the team in rebounds and gave Hickory a strong inside game under the boards. The deadly shooting accuracy of juniors Mark Huggins and Jimbo Ham supplied the team's outside points.

Every player on the team saw playing time and gained valuable experience for future seasons. Sophomores Ronald Carson and Marvin Young were brought up to the varsity to add height and quickness, and they should be strong contributors in the future.

With a baseline jump shot, sophomore Ronald Carson adds his two points in the win over Asheville.



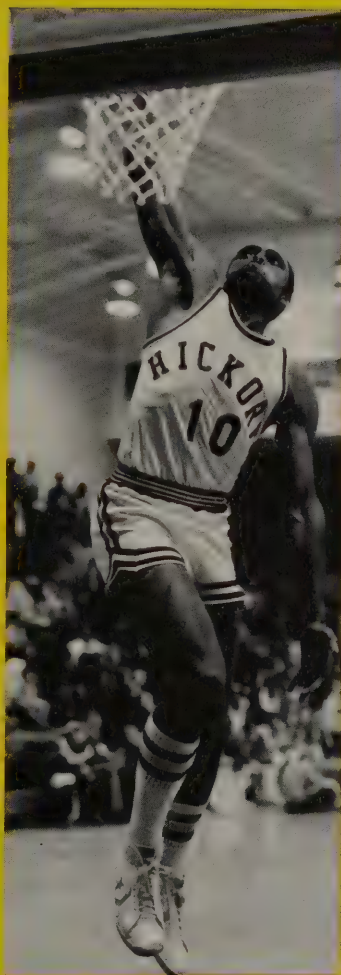
Young: Athlete

Al Young, Hickory High's standout in both basketball and football, was "movin' on up." Al had a bright future ahead of him. Colleges and universities from all over the United States offered him scholarships.

Al, the 6'1" senior, became well-known in his last year at Hickory High School. After great yardage and high scoring in football, he was selected to represent his school in the shrine Bowl in Charlotte. December 15 was declared Al Young day. On that day Al received a key to the city and signed with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Along with being a football standout, Al was also a leading scorer on the basketball team. Averaging 22 points per game, Al broke the school record in 2-year scoring with a total of 897 points. His overall quickness and excellent shooting helped the Tornados to become both regular season and tournament champs.

Standout senior Al Young goes up for a shot. Al averaged over twenty points per game over the season.



After being named conference champs, senior Tommy Maddox and junior Terry Lawrence hold their team's plaque high for all to see.

Lady Tornadoes upset first ranked Huss



Varsity Basketball: front row (from left): Nikki Furr, Terri Beshears, Naita Walker, Debbie Flowers, Jane Keppel; back row (from left): Beth Smith, Paula Patterson, Alice Guy, Andrea Davis, Amy Robbins, Linda Baker, Roxanne Brittain.

The varsity girls struggled through a frustrating season but improved greatly from the past two years with a record of 4 wins and 17 losses. They finished seventh in the eight-team conference, but an upset win over number one, Hunter Huss, proved they could beat anyone in the league. Seniors Naita Walker and Debbie Flowers provided the scoring punch through most of the season and backcourt seniors Jane Keppel and Nikki Furr displayed good outside shooting and leadership to make Coach Laurie Newman's Lady Red Tornadoes respectable.

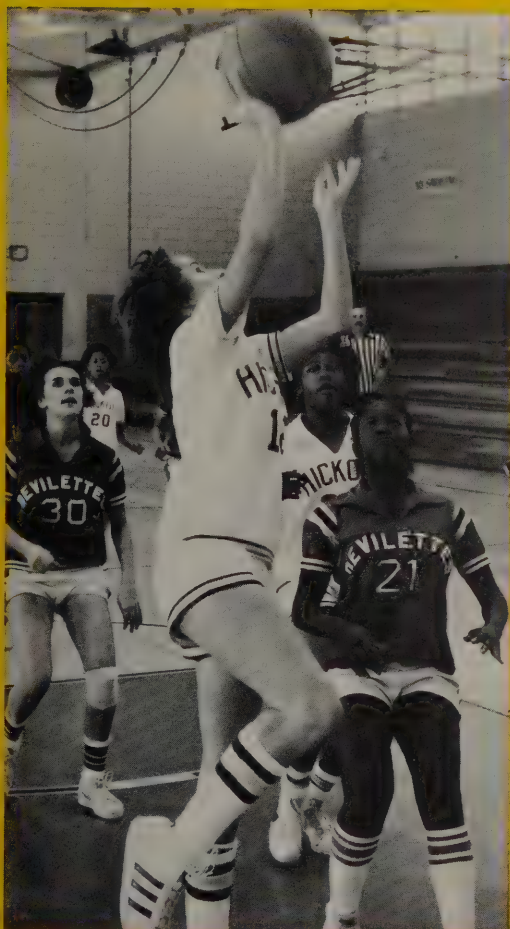
The Jayvee girls ended the season with a 12-8 record. The new team, headed by Coach Jane Harris, looked forward to a strong future. Several outstanding Jayvees were sophomores Deitra Dunlap, Billie Surratt, Vanessa Hammond, and Alicia Smith.

One of the leading scorers for the Tornadoes, senior Debbie Flowers gets off a valuable jump shot.

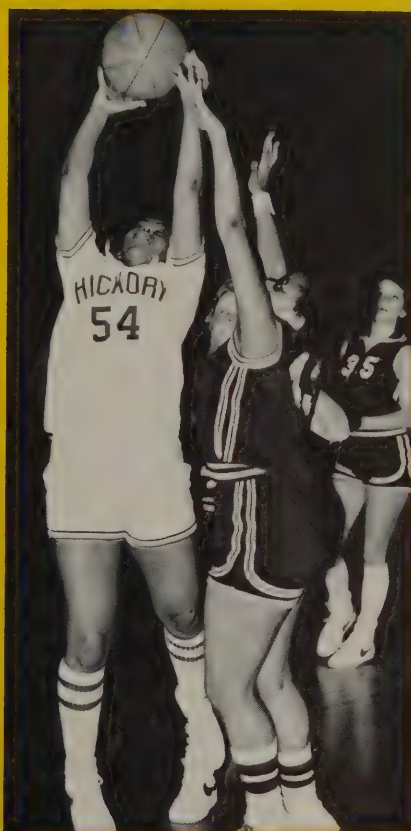
In the opening moments of the game, senior guard Nikki Furr drives past an Asheville defender to the basket.



Jayvee Basketball: front row (from left): Billie Surratt, Alicia Smith; back row (from left): Diane Cartwright, Deitra Dunlap, Karen Melton, Kathy Terrell, Melanie Powell, Vanessa Hammond, Suzanne Boyd, Brenda Berasa.



With an easy lay-up, sophomore Suzanne Boyd keeps the Tornadoes in the tension-filled game.



In a close game, sophomore Billie Surratt catches the pass and begins her drive to the basket.

JV's go undefeated for 12 straight games



Jayvee Basketball: front row (from left): Chris Merritt, Doug Strange, Coach Eddie Crump, Lee James, Ricky Frederick; back row (from left): Abraham Wright, Jerome Burgins, Gary Stoltzfus, Greg Newton, James Dula, Clay Geitner, John Palmer, Darryl Davis.

Surrounded by Cougars, sophomore Clay Geitner gets off a one-handed shot to further the Tornado lead.



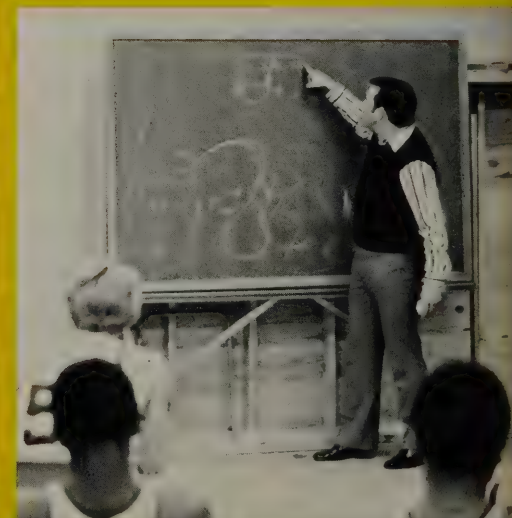
The Jayvee boys finished their season with a 16 win and 4 loss record, good for second place in the conference. The team proved itself strong as they were undefeated during the second half of the season. One of the main contributors during this period was sophomore Jamie Dula. Dula was brought down from the varsity to increase his playing time.

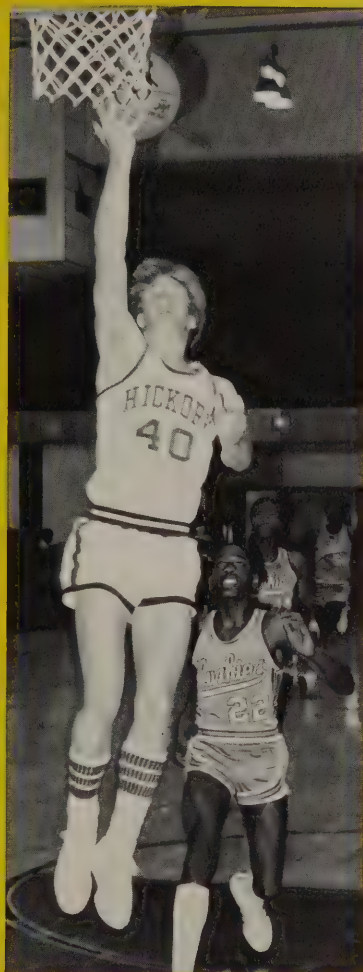
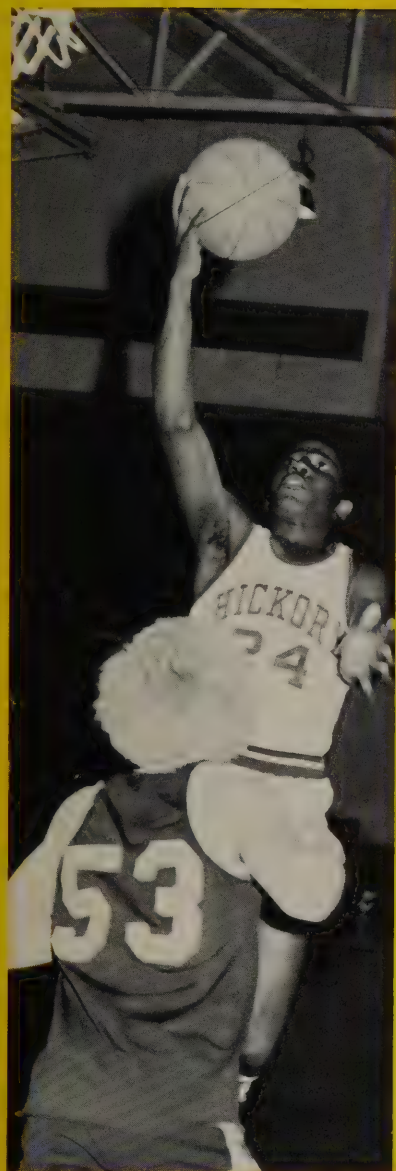
Other strong players throughout the season were sophomores Lee James, Greg Newton, Doug Strange, and Clay Geitner. James led the team in scoring, and Newton led the rebounding. Point-guard Strange led the team in assists, and Geitner's clutch foul shooting won two close games for the Tornadoes.

"This team was well-balanced and played together well," said Coach Crump, who has established an overall record of 54 wins — 6 losses in his three years as the Jayvee coach.

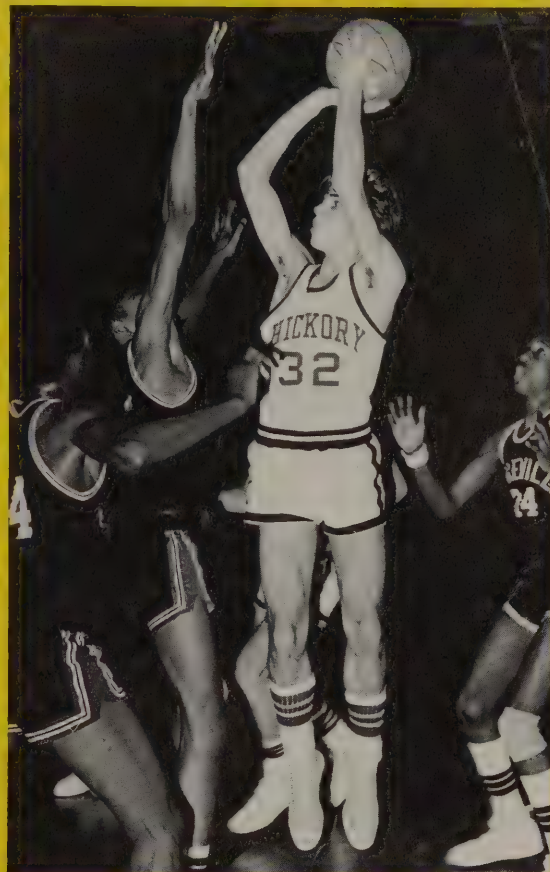
"I believe this team never reached its potential until the second half of the year, but then we proved we could beat anyone in the league."

As Coach Crump explains a zone, the Jayvee team prepares for the second half's action on court.





Sandwiched in by three Asheville defenders, sophomore Gary Stoltzfus desperately shoots.



As members of the Hunter Huss team look on, junior Lee James puts up an easy two points.

Eyes intently on the hoop, sophomore Jerome Burgins contributes his skills to the Hickory win over the East Burke Cavaliers.

Wrestlers get first state ranking



Anxiously awaiting the outcome of a hard fought match, Coach Morgan and his wrestlers prepare for the decision as stated by the referee.

Winning 14 matches and losing only four, the wrestling team had their best season in at least 15 years under the coaching of Steve Morgan. The four losses were all to conference teams with all but one loss decided by one match.

The team began the season with an 11-meet streak, including a record 74-0 win over East Lincoln. McDowell's Titans broke the streak with a 27-35 win over Hickory. Other victories included wins over East Burke, Hunter Huss, and a 35-28 win over Freedom to end the season.

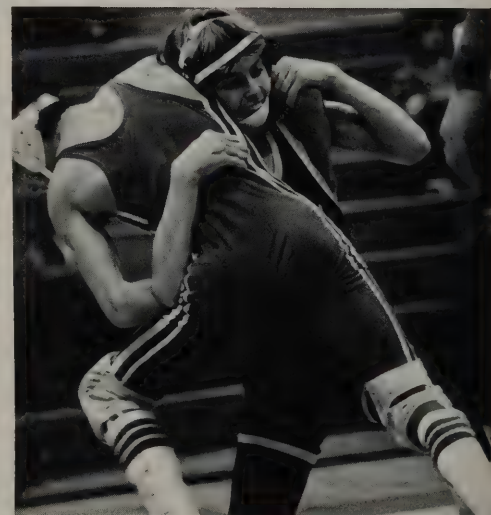
Sophomore Lee Reitzel led the team with a 17-0-1 record. He also tied with junior Robert Dixon for the most pins (10) in the year. Robert Dixon and Marcus Pope set the school record for the fastest pin. Each of them had a 12-second pin.

The icing on the cake for the team, though, was being the first ranked team Hickory has had in wrestling. Before a loss to Ashbrook, they were ranked eighth in the state 4A teams.



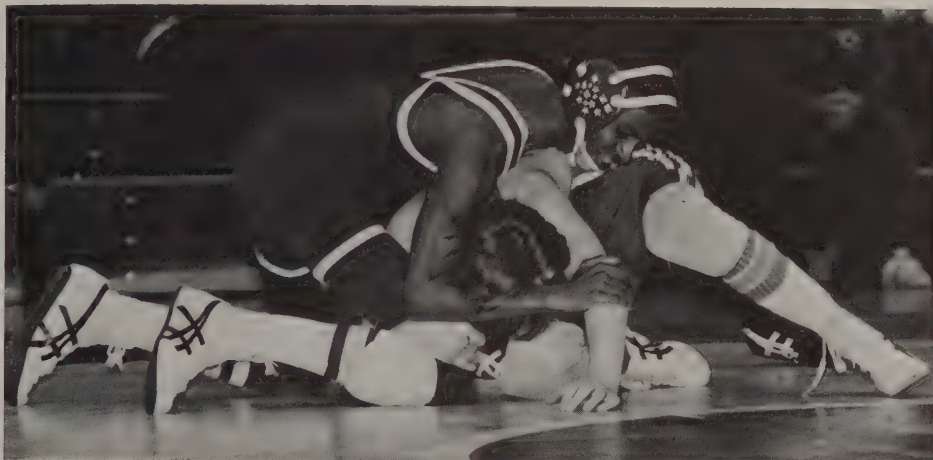
Not allowing his opponent an inch of space, junior Danny Huffman gets a relatively quick pin.

In an attempt to gain a takedown, Lee Reitzel uses a fireman's carry to get control of his opponent.



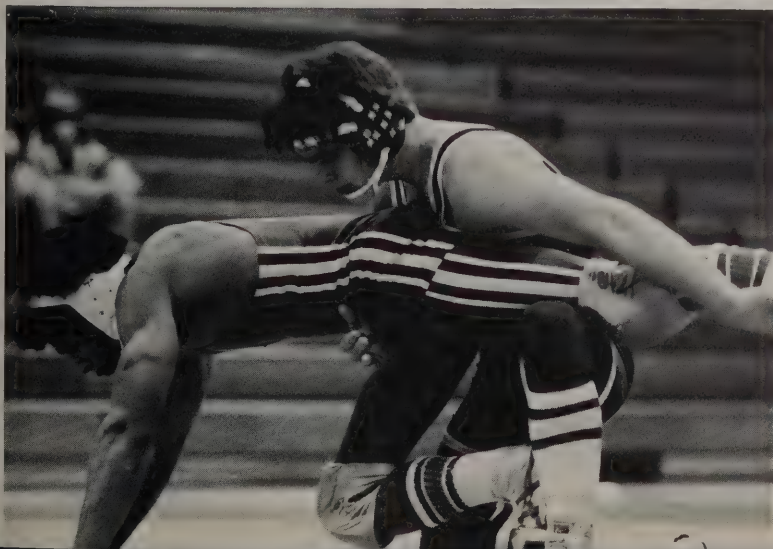


Wrestling team: front row (from left): scorekeepers, Marie Lewis, Teresa Abernethy, Michele Raby; second row (from left): Jeff Wallace, Mark Richards, Mike Enderson, Lee Reitzel, Danny Huffman, John Wilfong, Scott Helton, Marcus Pope; third row (from left): Baron Reitzel, Aubrey Peterson, Mark Whitt, Robert Cannon, Robert Dixon, Don Payne, Garfield Washington, assistant Coach Grandstaff; back row (from left): Coach Morgan, Wayne Huffman, Tracey Rinehardt, John Harris, Eric Milam, David Reese, Tommy Daily, Mark Honeycutt, Mike Finegan, Stephen Aldridge, Todd Miles, Joey Mercer.



A crossface and an eagle claw enables junior Marcus Pope to break free of a leg hold.

An attempt at his opponents escape is stopped by senior Baron Reitzel using a tight waist and ankle hold.



Teams swim to victory

Girls and Boys swim teams began the season with records of 7-0 and 5-2, respectively. Girls won first place in all ten events against South Caldwell and East Burke. Boys won eight first places out of ten against Ashbrook and Freedom. The team had swimming practice in Lenoir Rhyne College's pool. They swam Monday through Friday 5-7 p.m. and lifted weights Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 6-7 a.m.

Ninth graders David Lawrence and Buddy Shoup, swam for the Tornadoes, the first of their class to swim with the high school team.

The girls team was led by undefeated sophomore winners D.D. Ballenger and Jody Tanner. Leslie Ochs and senior Gina Gilbert were co-captains. The boys team was led by senior captain Paul Goodwin, junior captain Jimmy Robinson, and Scott Coleman.

A shivering D.D. Ballenger waits for the start of her next race.

Struggling to lift the weight, Junior Jimmy Robinson practices at an early morning session.





Cutting through the water at a meet against East Burke, Senior Amy Tanner wins another first for Hickory.



The 1979-1980 Hickory High Varsity Swim Teams: 1st row (from left) Gina Gilbert, Amy Tanner, Leslie Ochs, D.D. Ballenger, Nancy Brunt, Mark Phelps, Coach Al Stuckey. Second row (from left): Mary Glenn Little, Jody Tanner, Jimmy Robinson, Mark Romeo, Scott Coleman. Not pictured: Paul Goodwin, Jan Goodwin, and Phyllis Melton.

Sophomores dominate Varsity season

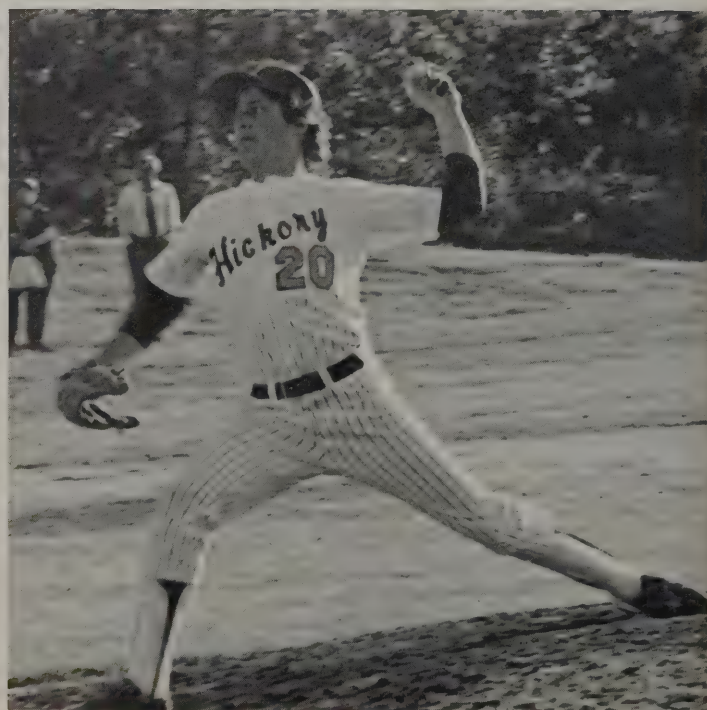
With five starting sophomores and a strong defense, the Varsity baseball team compiled a record of 10 wins and 9 losses overall and 8 wins and 4 losses in the conference, good for third place.

Even though the team lacked experience, two of the three biggest contributors were sophomores. Sophomore Mark Huggins led the team in hitting with a .359 batting average and sophomore Jimbo Ham led the pitching staff with a no-hitter against Asheville. Along with several outstanding defensive plays as catcher, senior Mike Matulia mixed in some timely hits to finish second in hitting with an average of .298.

Head Coach Troy Washam noted that he will be losing three seniors, two of which started, but the strong returnees should be experienced enough to contend next season.

Stepping into an inside pitch, sophomore Mark Huggins hits one of his team-leading hits.

Winding up for the throw, sophomore Jimbo Ham fires the ball across the plate for a strike.





Front row: (from left) Mark Dirks, Pat Smith, Greg Ackard; Second row: (from left) Barry Rhoney, Mike Matulia, Mark Matulia, Jimbo Ham, Jeff Bolch; Back row: (from left) Coach Troy Washam, Mark Huggins, Kevin Michael, Michael Arndt, Chris Coleman, Coach Mark Lyerly.

Trying to prevent a run, sophomore Pat Smith chases down the baserunner.



HHS Track wins conference

The 86-member Tornado track team accomplished much in their four month season, compiling an overall record of 9-0 and bringing home the conference title. The success of this team cannot be attributed to any one event; the entire squad gave a solid performance. Several standouts were present, however.

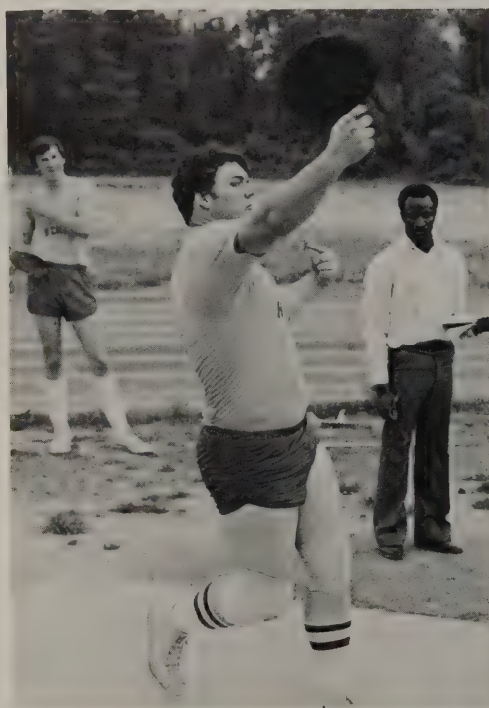
Among these was junior Bill Cason, who dominated not one, but three events. Cason ran the mile, the 880, and the two mile.

The determined relay teams also blew past their opponents. The 440 relay team, consisting of junior Kevin

Shuford, senior Calvin McGill, junior Al Young, and anchor man junior Chris Morrison, shattered the school record several times in their event.

Individually these boys have accomplished similar victories. Shuford placed in the long jump, McGill scored firsts and seconds in the 100-dash and the high and low hurdles, Young scored firsts in the high jump and Morrison was rarely defeated in the 220.

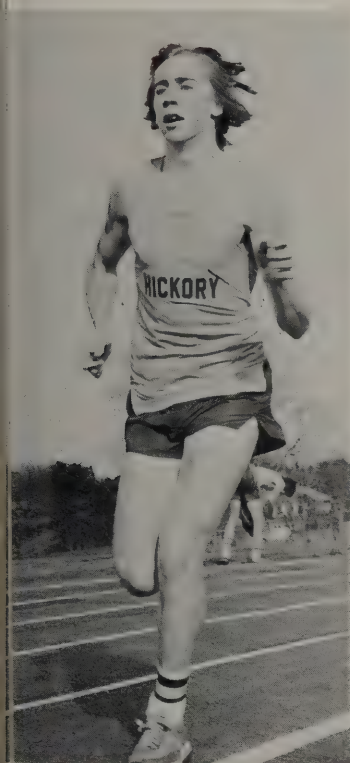
The overall record of the Tornadoes shows that an individual sport was performed as a team.



With a mighty heave, junior Brian Poovey lets the discus fly.



In hopes of a higher vault, senior Paul Abele heads for the crossbar, keeping a watchful eye on his mark.



Hickory High school standout, Bill Cason, lengthens his stride to bring home another victory for the team.

With a flying leap, senior Calvin McGill clears the hurdle easily.



To qualify for the first place, junior Kevin Shuford stretches his jump.

Boys Track: front row (from left): Alvis Crutchfield, manager, Brian Siemering, Mark Richards, Chris Morrison, Al Young, Scott Keller, Darrell Pope, Eric Byrd, Jeff Duncan, Gary Dellinger, Paul Wilfong; second row: (from left): Coach Larry Wittenberg, Robert Arney, John Nowell, Jeff Scott, Calvin McGill, Larry Johnson, Roger Shuford, Robert Dixon, Chris Hayes, Laura Gwynn, scorekeeper, Donald Wilson, Ernie Masche, Coach Chip Smith; third row (from left): Jeff Barger, Bill Cason, David Robinette, Robin Harwell, Lyn Baker, Dennis Johnson, Woody Poteat, Chris Wilde, John Milstead, Barry Huggins, Gregory Johnson; back row (from left): Don Payne, Chris Simmons, Bill Wood, Ron Miller, Brian Poovey, Malcolm Reese, Craig Abee, George Rhinehardt, Greg Chalk, Eddie Stafford, Hank Huggins.



Lady Tornadoes go undefeated

The Lady Tornadoes, who started running in January, worked out one-and-a-half hours every day after school. The season was Coach Jim Coble's first with the girls track team. His valuable instruction coupled with the girls' enthusiasm provided for a great, winning season.

Unequaled in spirit, the girls track team ended the season with a 9-0 record, making them the conference champs. In one year, the girls team rose from last place to first place in the conference.

With strong showings in all events, the team excelled in relays, hurdles, and the two mile race. One of the most important performers for the girls was Kym Abernethy. She led the girls in her 110 and 220 hurdles and high jump.

Other important performers included Mary Nowell in the two mile, Nancy Spencer in the mile, Vanessa Hammond in the 100-dash, and Rebecca Inmon in the long jump. The team's 880 and mile relay teams were also consistently in first or second place.



The fastest two-miler on the team, sophomore Mary Nowell eats up the track with her long, even stride.



With her win in the 120 low hurdles, sophomore Joan Wiegleb leads her team on to another conference win.

Shot-putter senior Nancy Spencer concentrates all of her efforts to obtain a good mark and first place.



As she nears the finish line, sophomore Carolyn Wilkinson steps up her pace to win the mile race.



Suspended in air, junior Sandy Boyd eyes the pit for a winning jump.

Girls Track: front row (from left): Charlotte Smith, Cameron Gardner, Joan Wiegler, Lillian Miller, Rebecca Inmon, Caroline Simmons, Catherine Finegan, Loretta Hoover, Bridgette McKnight; second row (from left): Lisa Cornwell, Vanessa Hammond, Myra Miller, Margaret Robinson, Melinda Lawrence, Carolyn Wilkinson, Denise Hester, Meg Austin; back row (from left): Coach Jim Coble, Tracy Litaker, Ellen Dixon, Donna Whitmore, Sandra Gentry, Pam Robinson, Carol Long, Sandy Boyd, Meg Church, Kym Abernethy, Nancy Spencer.



Softball team looks forward to a bright future

With a 7-5 overall record, the girls softball team looked forward to a bright future. The girls' weak point, batting, was offset by their strong defense and pitching staff. Placing second in the conference, the team displayed great enthusiasm.

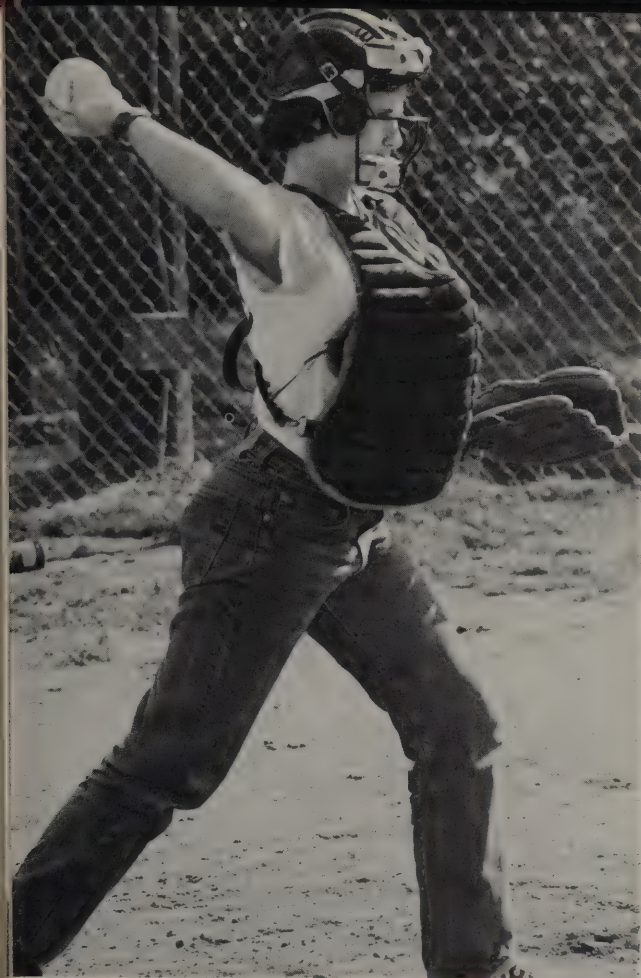
"Because there were no graduating seniors, I have high expectations for next year's team. In the future, I hope to work more on batting and running bases," said

Coach Laurie Newman, a newcomer to the girls softball team.

At the annual athletic banquet, junior Roxanne Brittain received the most valuable player award; junior Amy Robbins received the coach's award; and junior Beth Smith was named the recipient of the team award. These three players were selected as members of the all conference team.



Front row: (from left) Sylvia Bryant, Kristy Rink, Melanie Herman, Roxanne Brittain, Nikki Furr, Tammy Wingate; Back row: (from left) Jane Keppel, Janet Painter, Beth Smith, Beth Wilfong, Debbie Flowers, Amy Robbins, Linda Baker. Not pictured: Lisa Thompson.



Quickly moving to the ball, junior Nikki Furr scoops up a grounder.

In a close play at home plate, sophomore Sylvia Brant tags the runner.



Focusing on the batter, junior Beth Smith delivers a mean pitch.



In a fine play sophomore Lisa Thompson catches a pop fly.

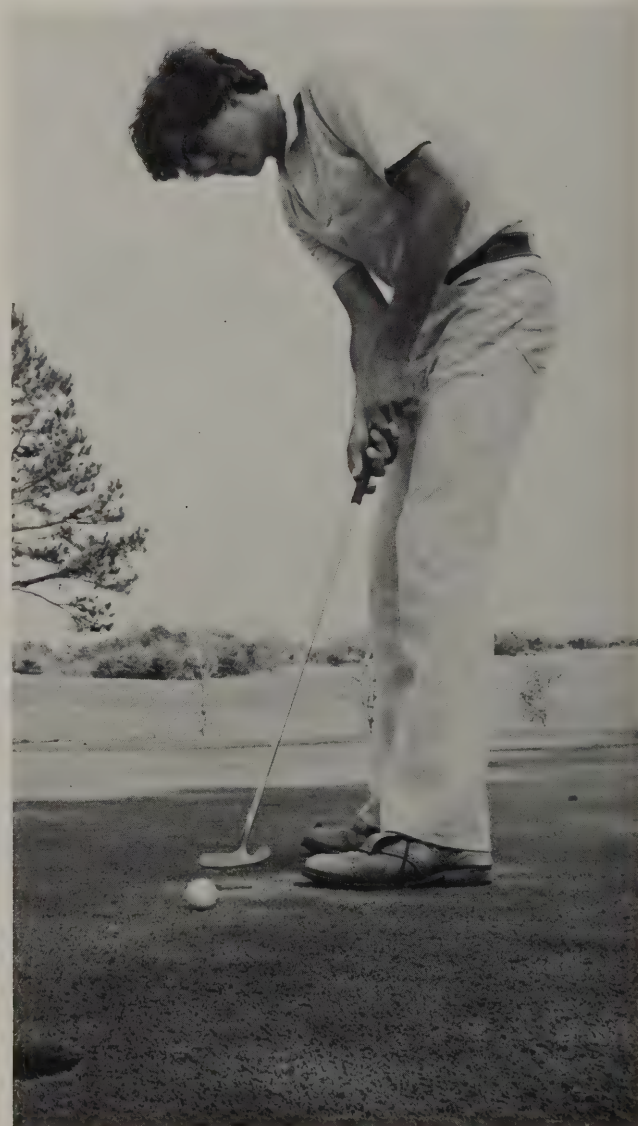
Golf team finishes fourth

After losing six seniors, one of the school's youngest golf teams finished the season with a fourth place in the conference and a ninth place in the Western sectionals.

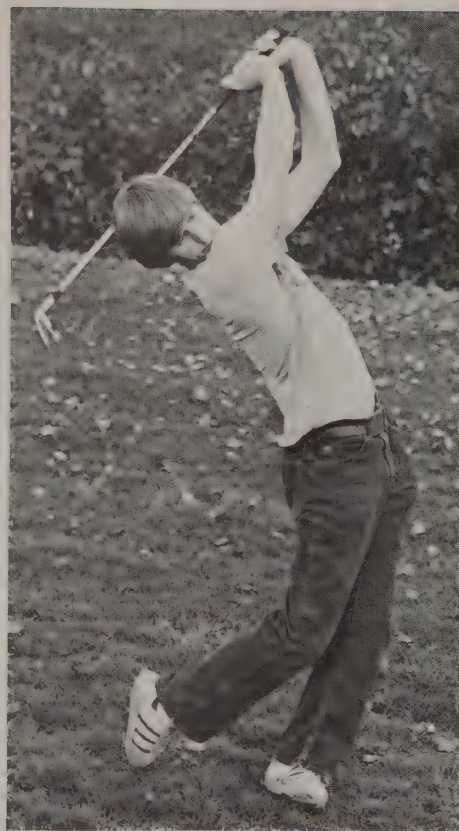
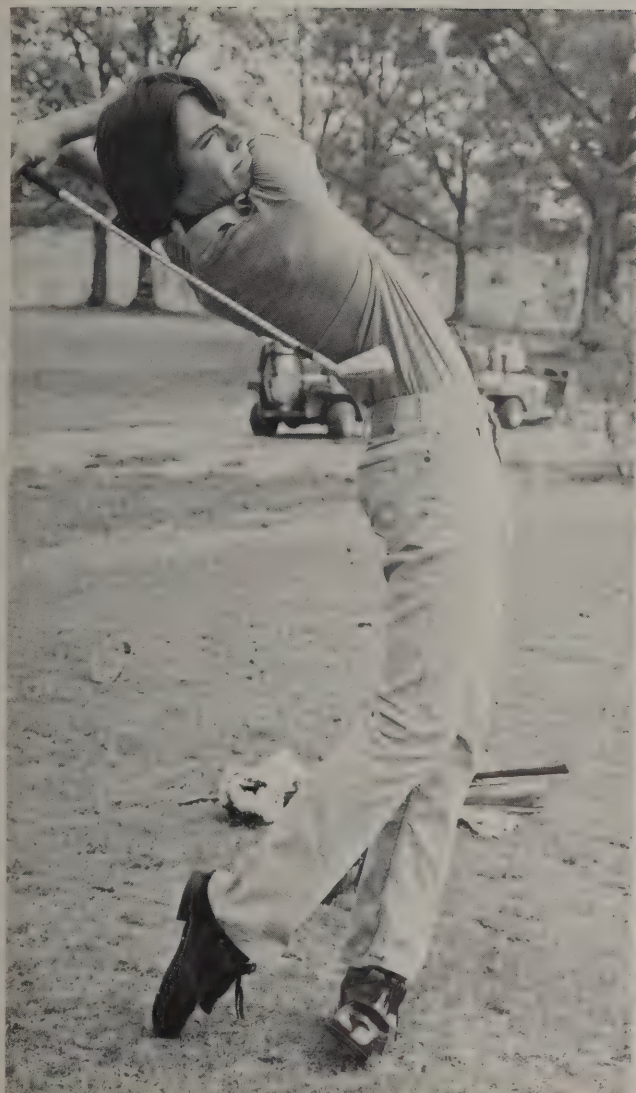
The team, which had practice after school every day, participated in seven conference matches. Head coach Frank Barger had the help of assistant coach, Jim Gaither, a Hickory attorney. Tom Elder, golf pro at Catawba Springs golf course, also helped members of the team with their strokes.

The golf team held practice at Catawba Springs golf course. However, in the 1980 season their practices will be held at Catawba Country Club golf course.

Roster: seniors: Chris Barringer, Brett Graff, Reggie Sigmon; juniors: Michael Dunlap, Bill Means, Brian Stoll, John Walker; sophomores: David Little.

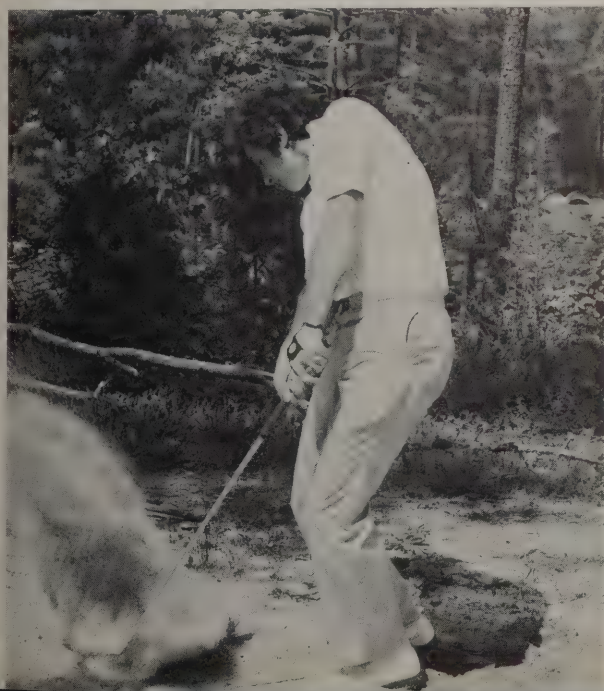


Eyes riveted on the shot, senior Brett Graff putts the ball into the awaiting hole with ease.



In a weekend practice at Lake Hickory Country Club, junior John Walker works on his swing and his follow-through.

Hickory's number one golfer, senior Chris Barring, squints as he follows the ball's path across the late afternoon sky.



Caught in a sand-trap, senior Reggie Sigmon chips a shot onto the nearby green.

Undefeated girls are first in conference



With excellent form, undefeated junior Cathy Peeples smashes a forehand to her opponent.

Girls Tennis: front row (from left): Lillian Miller, Marie Lewis, Shelley Lineberger, Suzanne Boyd, Leigh LaTorre; back row (from left): Coach Jack Daughtery, Barbara Deaton, Carol Ann Swann, Stacey Thompson, Sarah Deaton, Cathy Peeples.

"This is the best girls' team this school has ever had," said Coach Jack Daughtery.

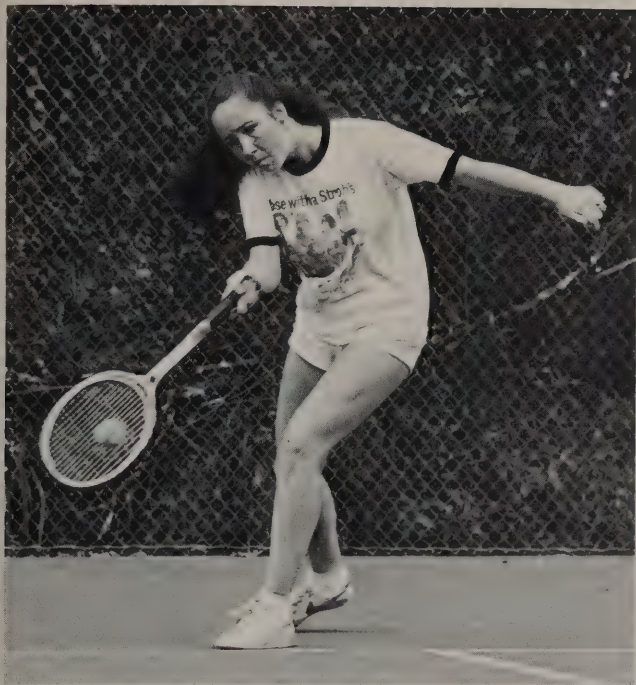
The girls' overall record of 15-0 and their second place in sectionals supported his statement.

Not only were the girls undefeated, an accomplishment in itself, but they also broke Freedom's winning streak of 38 matches. Several outstanding individual records were set by juniors Cathy Peeples, Stacey Thompson, and Lisa Thompson and senior Barbara Deaton. Peeples was seeded number one on the team.

The tennis team's outlook for 1980 was bright. "The team had a great amount of depth and no weaknesses," said Coach Daughtery. They would, however, lose two members out of the top seven when seniors Sarah and Barbara Deaton graduate.

At the end of the regular season, the girls got together for a team supper at McGuire's.





With her eyes continuously on the ball, junior Stacey Thompson returns the serve.

The double-fisted backhand is an effective weapon when used by sophomore Ann McDowell.

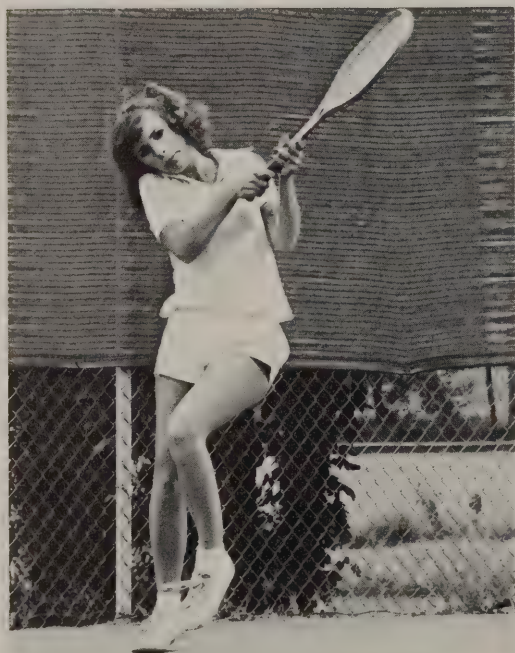


Displaying her strong backhand, sophomore Shelley Lineberger quickly returns the serve.

. . . place second in sectionals

With an overall record of 12-3, sophomore Suzanne Boyd prepares for a sizzling overhead shot.

Hitting back everything that comes her way, junior Lisa Thompson displays her demolishing forehand.



JayVees place second in conference



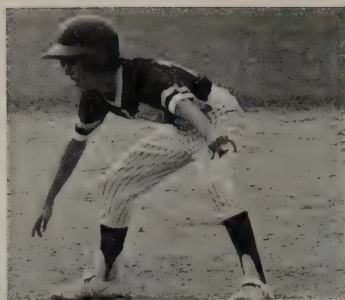
Larry Cline's 3-0 no-hitter against Hibriten was the high point of the junior varsity's winning season. Cline was also second in team batting with a .317 average behind MVP Mel Miller with .318. Miller and Cline were also selected by Coach Eddie Crump as players of the week along with Robin Miller, Britt Griffith, Scott Sherrill, and Scott Morningstar.

The junior varsity team, noted for its versatility in the field, rotated nine players into twenty-two positions in one game. This versatility was good enough to give the junior varsity an 8-7 record and a second place finish behind St. Stephens.

With a few pointers from Coach Crump, Jayvees plan their strategy.



Front row: (from left) Mike Mackie, David Hewitt, Dereck Dirks, Tom DiSalvo; Second row: (from left) Robin Miller, David Frye, Britt Griffith, Scott Sherrill, Larry Cline, George Oglesby; Back row: (from left) Coach Eddie Crump, Kenny Clontz, Scott Morningstar, Mel Miller, Kevin Freeman, Johnny Starnes, Philip Clontz. Not pictured: David Lilly.

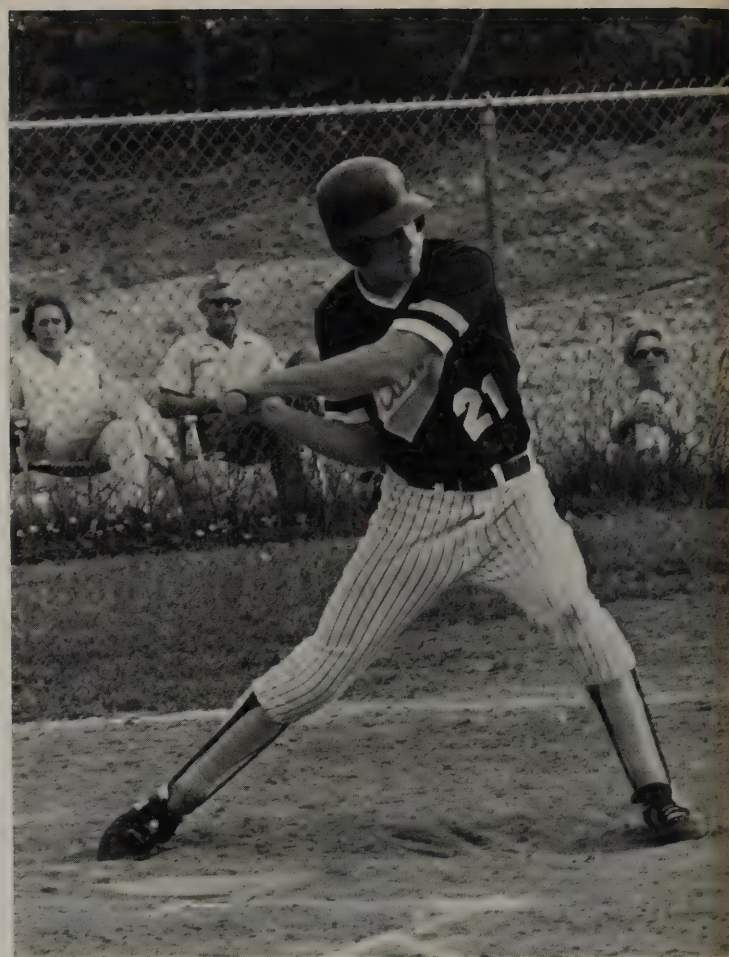


Focusing on the man with the ball, junior Tom DiSalvo attempts to steal his way to second.



With a mighty swing, sophomore Britt Griffith meets the ball head-on.

With his long reach, sophomore David Frye stretches out for the ball and a well-placed single.



Barely getting under the tag, junior Johnny Starnes puts the junior varsity back on top.

Clubs



During the Tornadofest, clubs organized competitive games in order to raise money. Drama club adviser Larwence Gibbs helps junior Stacey Hodges and Moira Derwin with a game that involves shooting shaving cream off a nose with a water gun.

At the conclusion of Coaches Week, senior Billy Miller presents Frank Barger with a Key club award for his work with athletics.



"Breakdown," panted Mr. C. "Sometimes the best things are hardest to get," he proclaimed as he struggled to reach his meeting the Biker's Anonymous.

Club meeting provided informal gatherings for students outside of school hours. Although there were fewer organizations, clubs gave participants involvement in school trips out of town or just companionship. Club activities were cyclis throughout the year. Key club changed an all male roll with the addition of girls to the club. Octagon society raised its roll from 50 to 75 members. Every club seemed to sell items to help their finances. Each organization had its problems, but every member of any club gladly saw the successes that his group had accomplished through out the year.



Pageant receives \$900 to fund scholarships

Quill and Scroll sponsored the annual Beauty Pageant with Westworld as the theme April 19, raising approximately \$900 for journalism scholarships. Thirty-nine girls first appeared in jeans dancing to the Neil Diamond song "Forever in Blue Jeans." After the evening gown competition, sophomore Sharon Glass was crowned the new Miss Hickory High.

At the Quill and Scroll Banquet in May two \$400 scholarships were given to two Hickory High school graduates now attending UNC-CH.

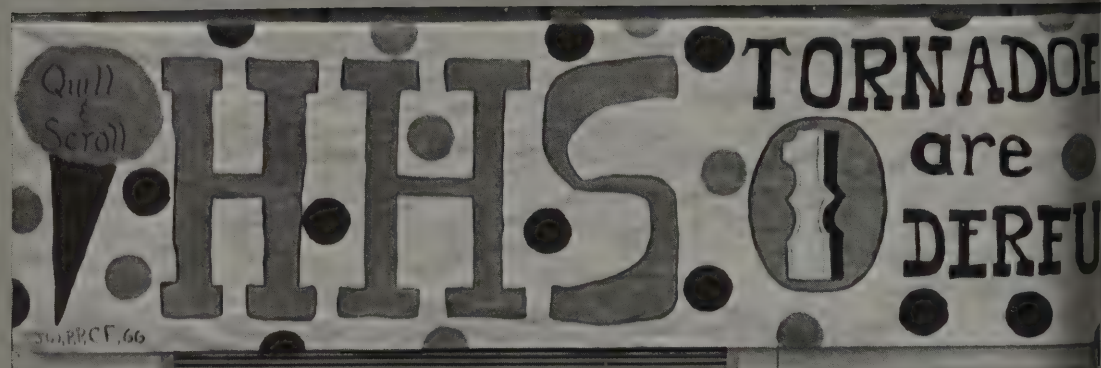
The recipients of the Sara Lee Gifford, L.C. Gifford, and the Walter Burch Allison scholarships were Debra Baker

and Marla Charpenter.

Debra Baker editor of the Hickory High "Twig" and Marla Charpenter section editor of yearbook are now studying journalism at UNC-CH.

Ms. Jane Davis, adviser to Quill and Scroll, also gave special awards to Scott Sharp, '79, for photography; Beth Ford, '79, for yearbook, Mike Matulia, '79, for "Leaves;" and Robin Billingsley, '79, for Business Staff. The Trophy awards were given to Wendy Jackson, '79, for "Leaves" Staff; junior Donna Crump, for Business Staff; Matthew Davis, '79, for "Twig;" and Tim Hamilton, '79, for Log Staff.

Front row: (from left); Jerri Wilfong, Annelise Simmons, Donna Crump, Lisa Woodall, Catherine Finegan, president; Beth Lavender, vice-president. Back row: (from left); Jeff Neuville, Amy Tanner, secretary-treasure; Sam Ballew, Reid Watts, Eric Martin, Gina Bilbert, David Lyerly. Not pictured: Robin Preddy, historian.



To show school spirit, Quill and Scroll entered the banner depicting Basken Robbins 31 derful Flavors during banner week sponsored by Student Council.



While judges make their decisions on ten pageant finalists, Jeff Teague, '79, provides entertainment.

Excited and relieved that the pageant is over, sophomores Sandra Gentry and Myra Miller congratulate the new Miss Hickory High, sophomore Sharon Glass.



After an evening in jeans and long dresses the ten finalists do their quarter turns as the judges take a last look.

26 seniors make up National Honor Society

By achieving a 93 or higher average in their junior year, 26 students had the privilege of being Junior Marshalls for last year's graduation. They also became a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) in their senior year.

NHS kicked off the year with a pom pom sale at the varsity football team's first home game. Other money-making plans included a car wash, candy sale, and a Rent-a-Kid month. During this month NHS members did odd jobs around their neighborhoods in order to raise money. Another plan was to visit nursing homes around the area on a monthly basis.



Front row: (from left); Melanie Herman, Laurie Ashman, Susan Hudson, vice-president; Jennifer Loyd, Celeste Feather, Anne Mazak, Jere Price, Lisa Woodall, Catherine Finegan. Second row: (from left); Ken Smith, Susan Smith, John Nowell, president; Wally Mackinnon, Danny Whitener, Chris Manning, Carol Preble, Susie Fulbright, secretary-treasurer. Back row: (from left); Iris Killian, Pam Robinson, Eric Martin, Mark Logan, Lisa Burke, Tracy Litaker. Not pictured; Barbara Deaton, Sarah Deaton, Michael Dunlap.



Making plans for the year, president John Nowell addresses NHS members. The clubs plans included participation in all homecoming events.



An early morning meeting in the library draws NHS members. These students, while participating in many school activities, keep up the high academic standards that a member must have.

Bus drivers' pay rises

After making rounds at elementary and junior high schools, bus drivers come back to pick up high school students.



There was a shortage of Bus Drivers, but their pay did increase from \$2.62 per hour to \$3.62 an hour this year. Although drivers did not get credit for driving a bus in school, they were excused from their sixth period classes to drive them.

Senior Johnny Starnes and Junior Mark Romeo said they had many problems with their passengers who wanted to start fights, and also with the continuous talking of the passengers even after they were told to be quiet.

To the their passengers to school on time they had to get up at 7:00 A.M. In the afternoons they got through with their routes about 4:00 P.M. Most of the bus drivers get in an average of 20 hours a week. Some of them, after driving in the afternoons go onto other jobs.



When school is over in the afternoons, students rush to get the first seat on the bus.

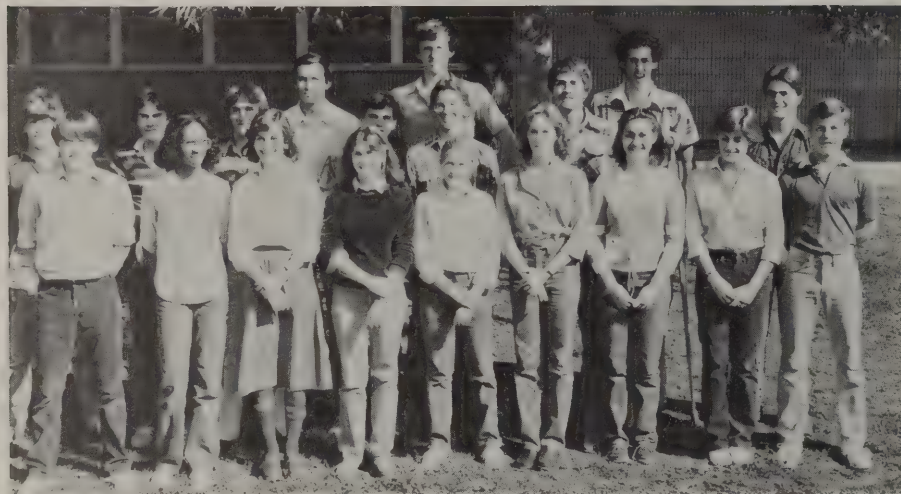
Front row: (from left); Jim Ham, Joe Conley, Chris Morrison, Scott Burns, Alvis Crutchfield. Second row: (from left); John Wilfong, Mark Cline, Mark Romeo, Aedrean Dula, George Oglesby, Mark Honeycutt. Third row: (from left); Terry Lawrence, Bryan Parks, Roger Williams. Fourth row: (from left); Kenny Clontz, Scott Helton, Danny Huffman, Johnny Starnes. Back row: Ricky Baker. Not pictured: Kim Abernethy, Robert Lockaby, Brad Brown, Al Young, Calvin McGill, Donald Wilson.



Interclub coordinates club activities

Interclub, which is an extension of Student Council, was made up of all club presidents. The main purpose of Interclub was to provide communication between all clubs. They coordinated club activities and set up a calendar for meeting dates and places. The primary purpose of the organization was to get information to the clubs through the presidents. In this way organizations were encouraged to support each other and to help boost school spirit.

During a meeting of Interclub, seniors Craig Abee, Susan Hudson, and Jennifer Loyd discuss club plans.



Front row: (from left); Ken Smith, Iris Killian, Barbara Deaton, Jane Keppell, Catherine Finegan, Lesley Richards, Beth Deal, Jennifer Loyd, Pat Finegan; Second row: (from left); Sam Bellew, Bill Means, Reid Watts, John Nowell, David Richards, Billy Miller, Baron Reitzel; Third row: (from left); Woody Poteat, Greg Warmuth, Craig Abee; Not pictured: Jimmy Shores, Carol Long, Susan Hudson, Amy Bumgarner, Linda Baker, Danny Whitener.

To start off a meeting of Interclub, president Ken Smith gives new ideas to members.



Representatives

sponsor

song contest

Since there has been no school song for a number of years, Homeroom Reps decided to sponsor a contest for a student written school song. President Jane Keppel discusses the project during a morning meeting.



Homeroom Reps, which was made up of a representative from each homeroom, informed the Student Body of up-coming events. They elected Student of the Month, planned the Student-Faculty game, sponsored a contest for a school song.

"What I liked most about being a Homeroom Rep was getting to meet so many different people. I also think that they should get more recognition in the future from the school because they are the ones who carry all information to and from the Student Council from the Student Body," said sophomore Pam McGalliard.

Homeroom Reps is the lower half of Student Council and the lower house of government.



Front row: (from left); Melanie Herman, Denise Wright, Meg Austin, Lisa Bumgarner, Rhonda Turpin, Jeff Wallace, Kristy Rink, Marie Lewis, Donna Killian, Jolette Wright, Jerri Price, Lillian Miller, Susie Fulbright, Jerri Wilfong; Second row: (from left); Jane Keppel, Rebecca Garrison, Carol Ann Swan, Donna Whitmore, Laurie Ashman, Lisa Stirewalt, Terri Leonhardt, Polly Shook, Cathy Peeples, Michelle England, Annie Harshaw, Sarah Deaton, Melanie Powell, Pam McGalliard, Francis Fuller; Third row: (from left); Larry Johnson, Billy Miller, Andy Bost, Larry Cline, Pam Robinson, Felician Culbrith, Alex Reeves; Not pictured: Julia Bunton, Dee Dee Halloway, Andi Mitchell, Caroline Burleson, Ginger Lower.



Discussing school activities, junior Terri Leonhardt listens carefully to junior Cathy Peeples tell of her plans.

Student Council in charge of spirit

Student Council under the guidance of adviser Ron Maness and direction of President Ken Smith, raised school spirit with several special activities throughout the school year. Among the biggest events Student Council was in charge of were Interclub Workshop, Homecoming Week, Bloodmobile, Spirit Week, and hosting a gathering of other student councils from surrounding high schools of western North Carolina.

During a teachers' workday early in the year, Student Council held an Interclub Workshop in which leadership was stressed. The half-day workshop included sessions on methods of boosting school spirit and promoting leadership qualities among the students. Over 100 students attended.

Homecoming Week was the most important activity

all year for Student Council. Participation by the student body was accented and contests were held throughout the week to encourage participation. A pickle barrel contest was held in which the classes competed against each other. There was also an ugly man contest and a teacher scavenger hunt where students tried to find out trivia facts about the teachers. Everyday of the week had a theme and the students dressed accordingly. They wore togas on Greek day and Halloween costumes on Transylvania day.

On Friday a Tornadofest was set up at which clubs could make a little money with booths and bake sales. There was a dance on Saturday to culminate the exciting week.



During a weekend Student Council retreat at Lutheridge Campground in the mountains, sophomore Doug Strange, senior Jane Keppel, and sophomore Pat Finegan join hands with other council members in a truth circle. At the retreat they made plans for the rest of the year and built up morale.



Part of homecoming activities is the launching of a balloon from the senior parking lot. The colorful balloon lifts off on its trip back to Statesville.

Sixth period each day is planning time for Student Council. Members senior Jane Keppel and sophomore Mark Mitchell discuss events of homecoming week.



At the Interclub Workshop a group of students learn about spirit-building methods.



Front row: (from left), adviser Ron Maness, president Ken Smith, first vice-president Danny Whitener, Corresponding secretary Melinda Lawrence, recording secretary Andy Fullwood, treasurer Gray Styers, Patti Whitener. Second row: (from left): Pat Finegan, Mark Mitchell, Marty Lewis, Shelley Lineberger, Doug Strange, Ann McDowell, Abraham Wright. Third row: (from left): Woody Poteat, Jeff Scott, Beth Wilfong, Sharon Glass, Ross Rogers, Briggette McKnight, David Frye. Back row: (from left) David Richards, Susan Hudson, Sandy Boyd, Aedrian Dula, Stephen Tucker.

With Spirit Week nearing, senior Stephen Tucker and sophomore Ann McDowell check into some last minute details.



Riding on the float made by the Sub Juniors for the Homecoming mini-parade are sophomores Lynn Hayes sitting on Donna Killian with sophomore Shirley Yount guiding.

At practice for the annual powder puff football game senior Lisa Reynolds is down for a hike.



Juniorettes raise money for charities

Sub Juniors known also as Juniorettes was a club made up of only girls. The club consisted of forty sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Every third Thursday in the month they had meetings to discuss their future projects and they tried to have a program pertaining to community concerns.

One of the main events each year enjoyed by the student body was the annual powder puff football game.

The Sub Juniors raised money for charities including March of Dimes and The Heart Fund by having bake sales, car washes, and slave sales.

They also went to the Western Caroling Center, which is an institute for the mentally retarded at least twice and gave parties for the children.

As the ball is thrown, senior Caroline Simmons and junior Stacey Thompson rush to retrieve it.



At the slave sale, senior Lisa Reynolds reveals her ability to play the violin.



Front row: (from left); Jane Keppel first vice president; Deane Fuller, Kelly Dixon, Donna Killian, Polly Shook, Caroline Simmons secretary; Robin Preddy second vice president; Lynn Hayes, Laura Raney. Second row: (from left); Kristi Ashman, Gina Triplett, Cathy Peeples, Andi Mitchell, Sharon Glass, Angie Smith, Dale Kinney, Melanie Powell, Barbara Deaton president. Third row: (from left); Cindy Simmons, Sara Hilton, Susan Hudson, Carol Ann Swan, Sandy Boyd, Stacey Thompson, Felicia Culbreath, Shirley Yount, Jody Tanner, Jan Goodwin, Sarah Deaton treasurer. Not pictured: Jerri Wilfong historian; Jennifer Loyd, Rachel Smith, Lisa Reynolds, Donna Stafford, Karen Chalk, Debbie Deal, Karen Russel, Nancy Williams, Joan Sweezy, Gena Linberger parliamentarian.



To win the Spirit Banner contest, Octagon Society enters their banner of a Hickory High football player stomping a Newton-Conover Greyhound.

Making a float sturdy is one of many tasks in building a float. Senior Reid Watts, and junior Myra Neill saw off boards to support Octagon's float.



Front row: (from left); Gena Lineberger, senior representative; Lisa Wallace, sophomore representative; Tom Disalvo, vice president; Debby Flowers, secretary; Reid Watts, president; Julia Bunton, parliamentary; Myra Neill, junior representative; Eric Martin, treasurer. Second row: (from left); Gail Brindell, Shannon Taylor, Karen Chalk, Nancy Brunt, Donna Killian, Michell Marlow, Roxanne Brittain, Tammy Kunkle, Nikki Furr, Stacey Heagler, Jerri Wilfong. Third row: (from left); Carla Hefner, Sandra Gentry, Rebecca Garrison, Gina Gilbert, Lisa Stirewalt, Lisa Reynolds, Margaret Robinson, Cheryl Burns, Michael Dunlap, Gary Apple. Fourth row: (from left); Rosemary Dietz, Mandy Caldwell, Myra Miller, Angie Smith, Alicia Smith, Lynn Hayes, Sara Hilton, Chris Coleman, Mark

Richards, Caroline Simmons, Don Bowman, Paul Goodwin, John Wilfong. Fifth row: (from left); Donna Whitmore, Markey Austin, Jody Tanner, Jan Goodwin, Tracy Propst, Jeff Bolch, Lisa Stark, Beth Wilfong, Pat Smith, Andy Bost, Sam Ballew. Back row: (from left); Melissa Kirby, Lisa Thompson, Kim Von Drehle, Jennifer Loyd, Sarah Deaton, Ginger Lowder, Rachel Smith, Jane Keppel, Donna Crump, Amy Tanner, Renee Wallace. Not pictured: Keith Apple, chaplain; Valerie Austin, Susan Frank, Stuart Melton, Lesley Richards, Robin Snipes, Jeff Wallace, Carol Ann Swan, Kym Abernethy, Cindy Watson, Gretchen Lynn, Robin Preddy, Ross Rogers, Scott Sherill, Stacey Thompson, Mark Metulia, Tonya Bolton, Laura Raney, Francis Fuller, Jacela Frier.



Popularity increases Octagon's membership

Due to the many applications received from students wanting to be members of the Octagon Society, executive board members decided to increase membership from 50 to 75 members. Octagon had 35 senior, 25 junior, and 15 sophomore members.

To show interest and appreciation to the varsity football team for an undefeated season, Octagon Society sponsored a cookout for club and football team members.

They also showed their school spirit by participating in and winning the Spirit Banner Contest. Octagon's banner read, "Octagon says: Stom'em Hickory We're Still the 1."

Octagon members participated in Spirit Week which was held during Homecoming. Members of the club worked for a long, hard week to put together a float to depict the theme "Around the World in Victory." Tom Disalvo was entered as Octagon's sponsor for the Ugly Man on Campus contest.

During the month of November, Octagon Society members sold oranges and grapefruit to raise money for the Heart Fund. Members spent two weeks going door to door to sell the fruit. Approximately \$1000 was raised during the sale.



To show school spirit, Octagon entered their float for the Mini Parade. Octagon's float was half a world to depict the theme of "Around the World in Victory."



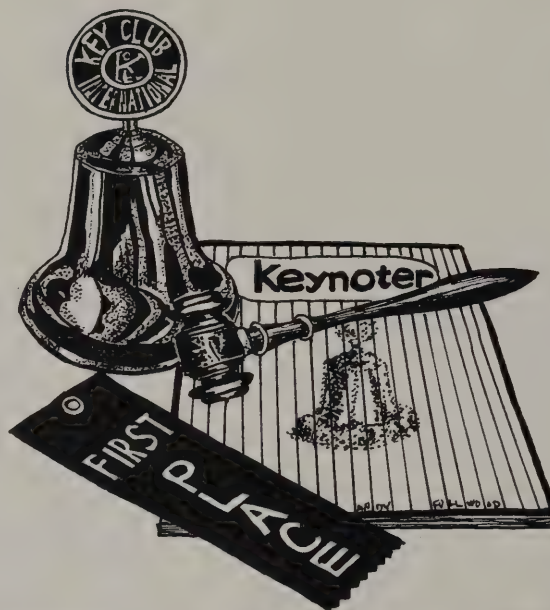
Octagon's president, senior Reid Watts, accepts the trophy for Octagon's winning the Spirit Banner contest. The contest was held for the second Hickory football game.

Girls allowed in Key club for first time

As an affiliate of the Kiwanis organization, most of Key club's activities were community oriented. These projects included manning the first-aid stations during the Diabetes Bike-a-thon and helping out with Bloodmobiles. The club also had fund-raising activities such as car washes. Key club hosted a Fall Training Conference of Key clubs from Catawba, Lincoln, and Caldwell counties.

During Homecoming, the club gained recognition by winning a first place ribbon for their float in the mini-parade. The club was a six-year trophy award winner as the most active Key club in the area.

Key club also had a new addition to the membership. For the first time girls were admitted to the club. The Key club girls added unity and a more active club.



At a car wash held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Key club members giving the new 280-ZX a shine are seniors Jeff Bolch, Andy Bost, Melanie Herman, Beth Bean, junior Christy Rink, and in the background seniors Michael Arndt and Billy Miller.



Front row: (from left): Boyd Blackburn, Mike Finegan, Jerri Wilfong, Sandy Umberger, Linda Baker, Nikki Furr, Tammy Kunkle, Andy Bost, Myra Neill, Terri Leonhardt, Scott Wilfong. Second row: (from left): Sheldon Mellon, Mike Baugess, Meg Church, Christy Rink, Lisa Reynolds, David Lilly, Gary Apple, Lisa Stirewalt, Cheryl Burns, Jimmy Camp. Back row: (from left): John Walker, Johnny Nowell, Ken Smith, Michael Arndt, Kevin Michael, Billy Miller, president; Pat Fullwood, Craig Abee, Eric Martin, Steve Davenport.

World Wide Weekend sponsored by AFS

World Wide Weekend and Short Term exchange were the most memorable events for American Field Service.

During World Wide Weekend, exchange students from area high schools visited Hickory High for two days in March. Thursday and Friday they spoke informally with selected classes, telling about their countries and answering questions.

In the short term exchange program six Hickory High

students traded schools with six students from an Ohio school for a week as an AFS sponsored activity.

AFS also sponsored the summer exchange program, helping two students visit foreign countries. Sandy Boyd went to Argentina and Beth Deal went to Belgium.

AFS's special guest during the year was Kristine Lucas from Australia.



AFS participated in many school activities during the year. This poster was a part of a banner contest early in the year.



Front row: (from left); Jimmy Robinson, Pam Robinson, treasurer; Moria Derwin, secretary; Beth Lavender, historian; Jim Shores, press secretary; Jan Bridges, Susan Smith, John Nowell, vice president; Greg Warmuth, president. Second row (from left); Dung Nguyen, John Walker, David Richards, Gina Gilbert, Donna Stafford, Laurie Ashman. Third row: (from left); Gina Triplett, Mary Beth Rowe, Stacey Hodges, Cindy Simmons, Kelly Newton, Peter Spuller. Fourth row: (from left); Camron Gardner, Kristi Ashman, Jan Seabock, Cathy Peeples, Rebecca Inmon, Lisa Woodall, Shirley Yount. Fifth row:

(from left); Boyd Blackburn, Laura Raney, Glenda Rice, Dale Kinney, Chris Lucas, Kristy Rink, Terri Leonhardt. Sixth row: (from left); Julia Walker, Terry Rudolph, Chris Simmons, Danny Tillman, Carol Preble, Pam Taylor, Stann Gwynn. Seventh row: (from left); Marie Lewis, Eugenia Yount, Karen Russell, Markey Austin, Rebecca Garrison. Eighth row: (from left); Don Payne, Amy Tanner, Wally MacKinnon, Tracy Litaker, Connie Jennings. Back row: (from left); John Harris, Jeff Duncan, Spencer Hendren, Analisa Simmons, Sandy Boyd, Meg Church, Michele Marlow. Not pictured: Teresa Aber-

nethy, Beth Deal, Ellen Dixon, David Fogarty, Deane Fuller, Frances Fuller, Jan Goodwin, Lynn Hayes, Beth Hayes, Bryan Hight, Beth Johnston, Scott Jordan, Shelley Lineberger, Mary Glen Little, Tanya Looper, David Lyerly, Anne Mazak, Todd McCurry, Doug Bryant, Dianne Cartwright, Denise Wright, Jerri Wilfong, Donna Whitmore, Sandy Umberger, Emily Tolle-son, Ann McDowell, Karen Melton, Cindy Miner, John Milstead, Marcie Moore, George Oglesby, Mark Phelps, Margaret Robinson, Melissa Shook, Bruce Siemerling, Angie Smith, David Snooks, Lisa Stark.



At a picnic early in the year designed to acquaint AFS members with each other, some members relax on the monkey bars.

Front row: (from left); Kristy Ashman, Beth Lavender, Carolina Simmons, Rebecca Inman, Kristy Rink, Robin Preddy, Gina Triplett, Mary Beth Rowe, Marie Lewis, Mandy Calwell, Celeste Feather; Second row: (from left); Cindy Miner, Jennifer Loyd, Nick Woods, Sharon Glass, Terry Leonhardt, Rebecca Garrison, Donna Stafford, Joan Sweezy, Moria Derwin, Lynn Hayes, Myra Miller; Third row: (from left); Jeff Forest, Wally MacKinnon, Iris Killian, Tonya Bolton, Jerry Lawing, Tereasa Abernathy, Bill Means; Not pictured: Scott Gwynn, Mark Honeycutt, Leigh Latorre, Scott Jordon, John Palmer, Stuart Austin, Mike Yoder, Caroline Giles, Richie Blevins, Scott Sherrill, Terry Rudolph, Jeff Neuville, Derek Dirks.



At the Spanish club annual Christmas party, guest speaker Mirian Rogers, a native of Ecuador, enjoys talking with a student.

Uncovering delicious new Spanish foods for their Christmas party senior Jennifer Loyd and juniors Terry Leonhardt and Sharon Glass prepare the buffet.



Library supplies sent to Guatamala

To raise money for library supplies, which were sent to Guatanala, Spanish club members sold reflectors and candy. They also sent Christmas cards to the children in Guatamala.

At their Christmas party Mirian Rogers, a native of Ecuador, talked about her life while they enjoyed the Spanish foods prepared by members.

Latin club was a social group that met irregularly during the school year. The club was made up of students who were taking or had taken Latin I or II.

Latin club held a yard sale and raised \$120. This money was used to fund the clubs homecoming float and miscellaneous expenses during the year.

Latin club raises \$120 at yard sale

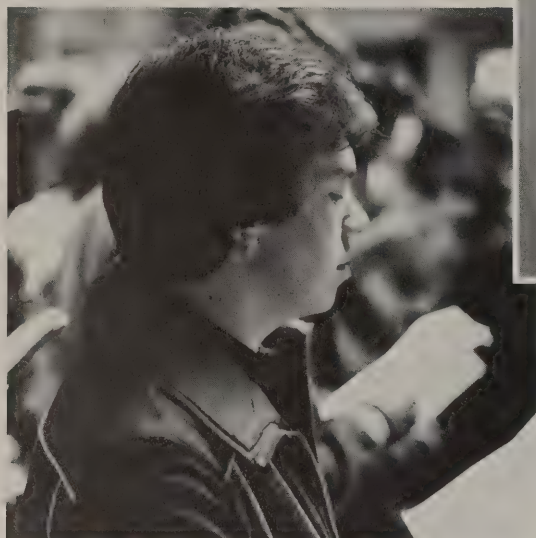


Front row: (from left); Pam McGalliard, Neal Gorman, Pat Smith, David Lilly, Jeff Burns, Greg Ackard, Carol Long, Sam Ballew, president; Ms. Mary Ellen Oyler, advisor. Back row: (from left); Woody Poteat, Janet Painter, David Little, Monica McClaine, Emily Tolleson, Mike Bauguess.



A jigsaw puzzle of Rome and other latin-oriented countries interests juniors Janet Painter and Emily Tolleson during a Latin club meeting.

skits , songs



The French club's annual Christmas Party and Dinner that was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church began with club members singing traditional French Christmas Carols to the elderly at the nursing homes and local hospitals. Seniors Barbara and Sarah Deaton, David Richards, juniors Flo Ripley, Danny Tillman (left) and sophomore Patti Whitener practice this tradition at a meeting earlier in the month.

entertain members

Skits and songs delivered in French entertained French club members at their monthly meetings.

"Our most interesting activities were carried out during Foreign Language week and World Wide Weekend when we got to meet French students from all over the state," said president Susan Hudson.

With money raised through candy sales, the club purchased French films and tapes to be used by French classes. A \$100 scholarship was given to the most outstanding French student at the end of the year.

"French club helped me learn about the customs of France and the people who live there," said sophomore Kelly Hamilton. "This will help me when I go to France as I hope to do."



Front row: (from left); Barbara Deaton, Jan Bridges, Mike Finegan, Melanie Herman, Susie Fulbright, Jan Seabock, Jere Price, Steven Parrish, Paige Hart, Karis Kercher. Second row: (from left); Dean Warren, Dung Nguyen, Laurie Ashman, Susan Smith, Mrs. Barnhardt, Stacey Hodges, Lisa Wookall, Beth Hildebran, Kim von Drehle, Patti Whitener, Laura Raney, Cathy McRary. Third row: (from left); Peter Spuller, Joy Thomas, Eugenia Yount, Tracy Litaker, Pam Robinson, David Lysterly, Lisa Stirewalt, Andi Mitchell, Sara Hilton, Myra Neill, Todd McCurry, Lisa Palumbo, Ann McDowell, Mary Kerr. Fourth row: (from left); Stann Gwynn, Chris Simmons, Davis Snooks, Danny Tillman, Susan Hudson, Sarah Deaton. Back row: (from left); Gray Styers, Ernie Masche, Greg Warmuth, Wesley Settlemeire,

David Fogarty, Joey Mercer, Danny Whitener, Ken Smith, Flo Ripley, Jeff Scott, Bobby Richards, Sherry Oxford. Not pictured: Tina Adams, Dayle Bentely, Mike Bowman, Deitra Dunlap, Michele Francois, Sandra Gentry, Jan Goodwin, Kelly Hamilton, Kenneth Haynes, John Milstead, Mark Mitchell, John Nowell, Cathy Peeples, Glenda Rice, Polly Shook, Jody Tanner, Lisa Thompson, Stacey Thompson, Julia Walker, Reid Watts, Avery Abernethy, Valerie Austin, Karen Chalk, Mark Coffey, Karen Collins, Deane Fuller, Barry Huggins, Tanya Looper, Diana Massie, Pam McGalliard, Marshall Mauney, Frank Mays, Leslie Ochs, Jimmy Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Ross Rogers, Jim Shores, Cindy Simmons, Robin Snipes, Martha Shook, Sandy Umberger.

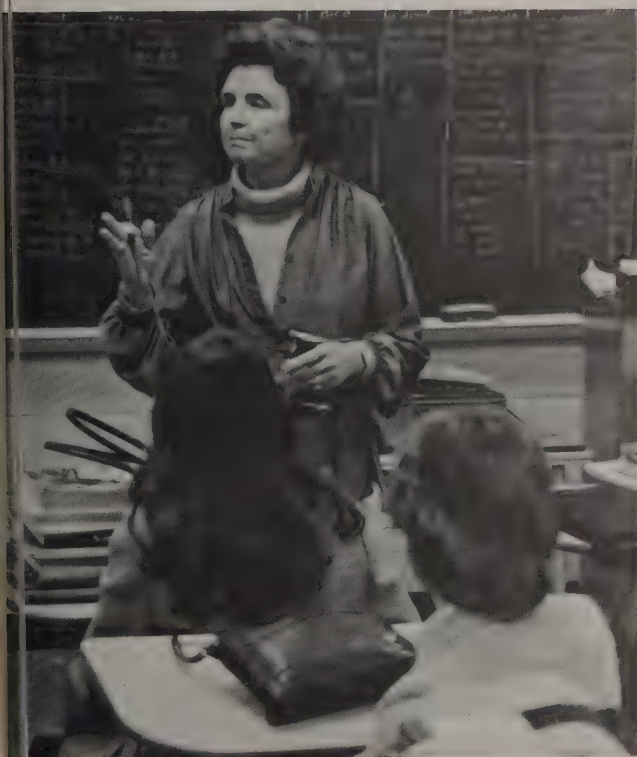
FHS members work for the school

Requirements for French Honor Society (FHS) members were an "A" average in at least two years of French and a "B" average in all other subjects. Despite these strict requirements, 20 people were enrolled in the club. FHS met once every month and participated in all school events and projects. Club members helped advisor, Ms. Maxine Barnhardt, in several ways, including tutoring French students who needed help.

During Homecoming Week, FHS sponsored a booth at the Tornadofest and won a third place ribbon for their float in the mini-parade. For fun, the club planned a trip to Charlotte to eat at a French restaurant there.



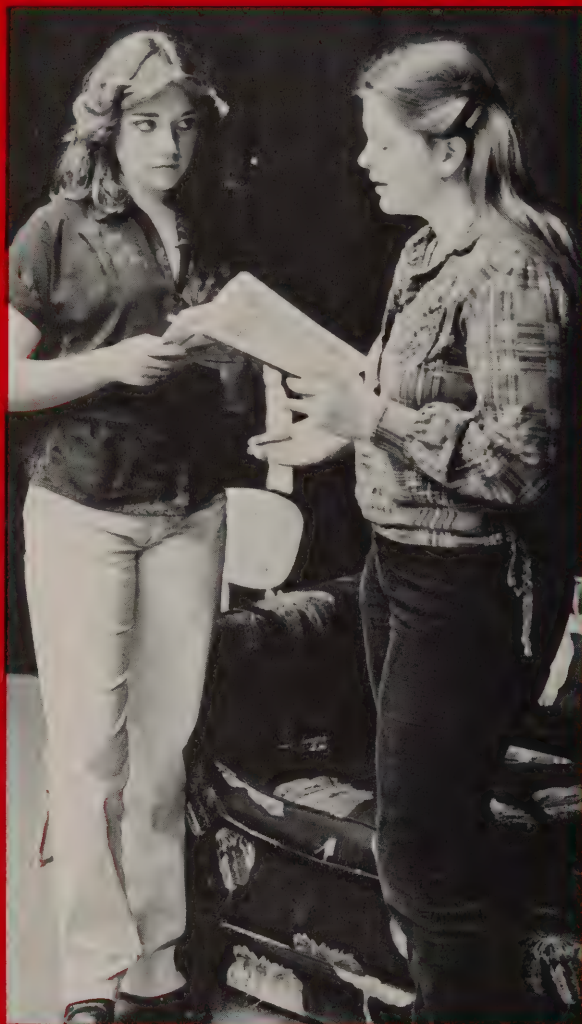
At a meeting to make plans for World Wide Weekend, FHS president Danny Whitener discusses a new idea with seniors Barbara Deaton and Laurie Ashman.



Front row: (from left); Jere Price, Jan Seabock, Lisa Woodall, Cathy Peeples, Catherine Finegan, vice president; Melanie Herman, Back row: (from left); Danny Whitener, president, Sarah Deaton, Barbara Deaton, David Richards, Gary Apple, Susan Hudson. Not pictured: Laurie Ashman, secretary; Lisa Burke, Michael Dunlap, Susie Fulbright, treasurer; Deane Fuller, Christine Lucas, honorary member; Ken Smith, Susan Smith, Robin Snipes.

While addressing an afternoon meeting of FHS members, adviser Ms. Maxine Barnhardt stresses participation to club members. FHS was active in all school activities.

Before trying out for the school play sophomore Gail Brindell listens attentively to sophomore Tonya Botalton.



Front row: (from left); Lisa Palumbo. Second row: (from left); Gina Triplett, Shirley Yount, Greg Warmuth, Robin Preddy, secretary-treasurer. Third row: (from left); Melissa Shook, Cindy Simmons, Stacey Hodges, Jan Goodwin. Fourth row: (from left); Sara Hilton, Annelise Simmons, Christine Lucas, Dee Dee Honeycutt. Fifth row: (from left); Joy Thomas, Tonya Botalton, Stacey Sewell. Sixth row: (from left); Lee Maynor, Moria Derwin, Pam Robinson, Kristie Ashman. Seventh row: (from left); Gina Gilbert, Beth Hayes, Jimmy Shores, president. Back row: (from left); Lawrence Gibbs, adviser. Not pictured: Linda Wertz, vice-president; Becky Pollack, April Mace, Aubrey Peterson, Carla Hefner, Robin Oxendine, Cathy Peeples, Stynn Gwynn, David Fogarty, Kevin Biggerstaff, Gail Brindell, Avery Abernethy, Lisa Cornwell, Jeanne King, Marcie Moore.



Two months of preparation were taken before the annual school play "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It." Juniors Cindy Simmons, Aubrey Peterson, and sophomore Jeanne King work on the set for the play.

I guess you know why I chose this page.
 Yes! because drama is something we both love
 & it's something that I regard as strongly as I do our
 friendship. Let's keep it that way I'll miss you a
 bunch
 All my love
 Chris
 (Lucas)
 XXX

Drama students present a murder mystery

"Agatha Christie Made Me Do It" was produced by Drama club in the spring with auditions open to the student body. This show was presented in Dinner Theatre style with singing waiters and waitresses.

Cast members were: David Fogarty as Officer Hootspah, Stann Gwynn as Waldo, Stacey Hodges as Annie, Jimmy Shores as Monte Brainard, Kevin Biggerstaff as Carl Lloyd,

Gail Brindell as Jo-Jo Lamanit, Cindy Simmons as Jenny Winters, Avery Abernethy as Sam Sears, Stacey Sewell as Cindy Hainse, Christine Lucas as Ruperta Holland, and Aubrey Peterson as "Dutch" Winters.

"Thurber's Carnival," their fall production was open only to members of the Drama class who each had at least one role.

Drama club, a spinoff of

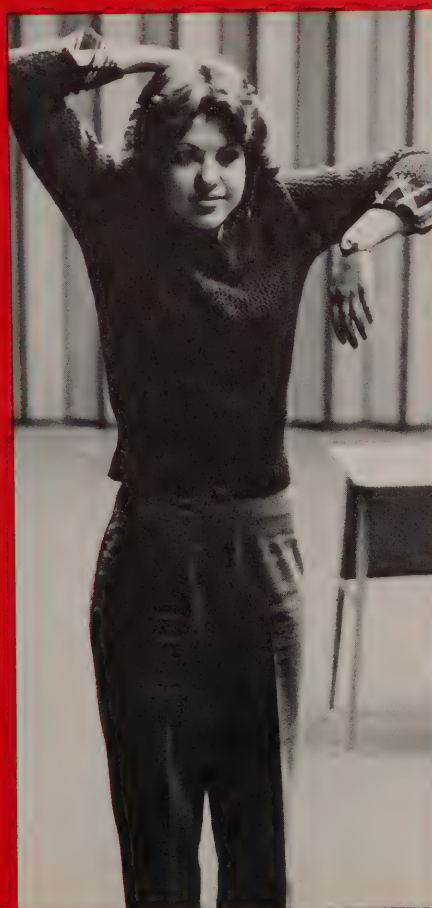
the drama class, had about 35 members. The plan was to change Drama club to the Thespian Society and on Jan. 20, 15 members were initiated. Eligibility was determined by the number of points earned by working on some phase of play production.

Advisor Lawrence Gibbs planned to expand the activities of the drama program during the 1980-81 season.



The Thespian Society was started this year with members obtaining points to be eligible for membership. Front row: (from left); Christine Lucas, Jimmy Shores, president; Sara Hilton, Beth Hayes, Gina Gilbert, Stacey Hodges, Moria Derwin, Pam Robinson, Greg Warmuth. Not pictured: Robin Preddy secretary-treasurer; Linda Wernitz, vice president; Stynn Gwynn, Marcie Moore, David Fogarty, April Mace.

During drama class, students pantomime inanimate objects. Here junior Linda Wernitz imitates an egg beater.



FBLA : completes successful Tom Watt sales

Gifts and Christmas decorations were sold by Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members from Tom Watt kits. Approximately \$6000 was raised giving the club a profit of \$2000.

FBLA'ers celebrated their success with a Christmas dinner at the Sheraton, during which they gave each other toys which were later donated to the Empty Stocking.

At State Convention in Winston-Salem, the Hickory Chapter of FBLA contributed to the James L. White scholarship.

Leadership qualities which were important to FBLA were studied by senior Joan Callanan, junior Donna Stafford, and adviser Ms. Judy Teague when they attended the Southern Regional Leadership Convention in Atlanta, Georgia Nov. 2-4. A large, active membership made FBLA one of the strongest organizations on campus.

FBLA'ers Christmas presents are placed under the tree before the annual Christmas dinner. After exchanging gifts among members, the toys are donated to the Empty Stocking.



A buffet style meal is served at the Sheraton for the annual FBLA Christmas party. Here senior Beth Smith walks through the line to help herself to various foods.



Front row: (from left); Tammy Whingate, Iris Killian, president; Debbie Lewis, Debbie Whisnant, Kelly Newton, Roxanne Brittain, Marcie Moore, Melanie Herman, Regina Thomas, Stephen Tucker, Alicia Smith, Meg Austin, secretary; Melissa Shook, reporter. Second row: (from left); Greg Johnson, George Rhinehardt, Sara Seabock, Cindy Miner, Melissa Kirby, Teresa Abernethy, Donna Stafford, vice-president; Tammy Starnes, Jere Price, Aedrian Dula, chaplain; Veda Morris, Beth Deal, Christy Cook, Jimmy Camp, Beth Whisnant. Back row: (from left); Ms. Judy Teague, adviser; Janet Chisholm, Mike Bauguess, Phyllis Melton, Ellen Pollard, Kathy Carrier, Darlene Milam, Laura Pierce, Lisa Stark, Jeff Bolch, Rachel Smith, Joan Sweezy, Joan Callanan, treasurer; Scott Coleman, Wanda Deitz, Joy Thomas, historian; George Boyles, Michael Dunlap, Jeff Meuville, Jerri Wilfong, Ms. Violet Ramsour, adviser. Not pictured: Gwen Cater, Meg Church, Lisa Fulbright, Kim Jonas, Ginger Lowder, Michele Marlow, Beth Smith, Lorna Campbell, Scott Hall, Rodney Hines, O'Hyun Chur, Paige Hart, Cindy Jarman, Donna McKee, parliamentarian; Dawnene Johnson, Kay Hoyle.

Elderly patient adopted

An elderly patient at Bryan Center had a happier year because of the work of Future Homemakers of America (FHA). Club members adopted Alverta Rocket early in 1979. When they visited her they always took small gifts and sang for her.

Their humanitarian concern also included a lady with financial problems.

In other activities FHA participated in the state convention at Lenoir Rhyne for which they made a backdrop. This backdrop was white with red letters saying Build Tomorrow Today which was their theme at the convention. The backdrop impressed the judges and they asked to use it at the convention in Raleigh.

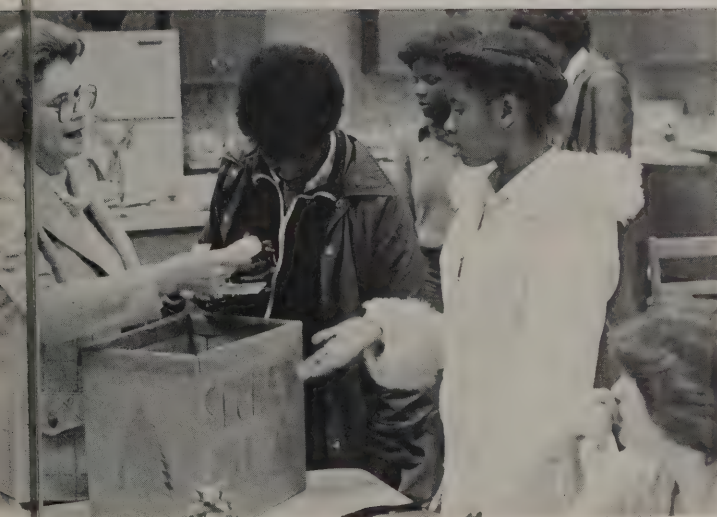
"Being in FHA was fun because we got to meet people from all over the nation as well as from schools in North Carolina," said sophomore Leela Kanipe.

Money for projects was raised by selling candy and cook books.

Approximately 25 students were members of the club, an organization affiliated with the Home Economics Department.



Christmas plans put sophomore Michelle England in a happy mood as she signs the list for Christmas presents to be exchanged by FHA.



Calling each girl's name, Ms. Helen Ramsey, adviser gives out presents. Sophomores Sylvia Robinson and Katie Stinson wait to receive theirs.



Front row: (from left); Katie Stinson, Trena McCarson, Debbie Odom, Amy Bumgarner, Michelle England, Sylvia Robinson; Second row: (from left); Leela Kanipe, Nancy Mullinax, Beth Smith, Bonita Clemmons, Beth Abernethy; not pictured: Teresa Audrey, Brenda Berasa, Bonnie Campbell, Alvis Crutchfield, Denise Hester, Dee Dee Holloway, Chris Morrison, Pan Reid, Rosemary Scott, Debbie Smith, Tammy Starnes, Al Young.

Christmas party given at WCC

A Christmas party for disadvantaged children at Western Carolina Center highlighted the year for Fellowship of Christain Athletes. FCA members took along stuffed animals which they gave to the children for Christmas.

A Christain organization, the 80 members met monthly to listen to speakers and share experiences. They were often invited to speak to local clubs and organizations in the community.

Loading foods prepared by FCA members, junior Mark Matulia, sophomore Philip McGaha, junior Chris Simmons and junior Barry Huggins seem concerned about transportation.



Scared to over exert himself, senior Craig Abee lends a finger to junior Chris Simmons. The two were helping load toys collected by FCA, for the Western Carolina Center.



Front row: (from left); Tonya Bolton, Stacey Thompson, Sharon Glass, Beth Lavender, Cathy Peeples, Camron Gardner, Kristy Rink, Roxanne Brittain, Debby Flowers, Paula Patterson, Jane Keppel, Jeff Duncan, Marie Lewis, Donna Stafford, Lillian Miller. Second row: (from left); Amy Tanner, Philip McGaha, Marky Austin, Jeff Scott, David Richards, Carol Long, Janet Painter, Linda Baker, Beth Smith, Shelly Lineberger, Amy Robbins, Terry Rudolph, Billy Miller, Pam McGallard, De De Honeycutt. Third row: (from left); Jody Tanner, Carol Ann Swann, David Lyerly, John Milstead, Pam Robinson, Tracey Litaker, David Lilly, Danny Tilman, Meg Church, Ross Rogers, Chris Simmons. Back row: (from left); Robert Arney, Barry Huggins, Craig Abee,

Michael Arndt, Eric Martain, Woody Poteat, Gray Styers, Jan Goodwin, Don Payne, Andy Fullwood; Not pictured: Michelle Marlow, Andrea Davis, Ricky Whitener, Alvis Crutchfield, Rusty Fann, Brian Poovey, Kim Mitchell, Billie Surratt, Bill Cason, Marcie Moore, Kenneth Haynes, Anne Mazak, Susan Meuser, Margaret Robinson, Cindy Simmons, Pat Smith, Stan Lowhon, David Reece, Karen Chalk, Dee Dee Gaither, Aubrey Peterson, Amy Robbins, John Nowell, Lee James, Mike Finegan, Mark Matulia, Scott Wilfong, Andi Mitchell, Donna Whitmore, Greg Ackard, Rachel Smith, Catherine Finegan, Gregory Johnson, Ivonne Dula, John Rogers, Gina Gilbert.

Academics



In order for every teacher to have a planning period, study halls were held during regular classes periods. Sophomore Rosemary Dietz works on homework in a biology class.

Senior Amy Robbins strings her bow on a sunny afternoon.



"I'm all upside down about my schedule," moaned Mr. Cycle as he rolled unsteadily into the wrong class. Tangled in the spokes, he tried desperately to right himself and sort out his academic dilemma.

The school year started out easier, this time with fewer problems in schedule changes. Each student was expected by the faculty to meet his own potential. SAT scores were evaluated and classes taught by counselors urged students to contribute more to their academic life and participate in more contests from math to the fine arts.



Summer school beneficial

To make up a course they failed during the regular school year or to get a required course out of the way, some students chose to attend classes over the summer.

"I believe summer school benefits the students because they can devote all their time to one subject", said Raymond Barrett, who taught Biology.

Nine teachers were hired to teach Biology, Geometry, and Algebra. Some courses requested by students were not taught because of low pupil enrollment.

Ms. Pat Kackney and Ms. Linda Tompkins, both from Hickory High, taught English. Also hired to teach English were Ms. Lisa Schoonderwoerd, a Chapel Hill graduate, Ms. Eugenia Gregg, from a Hickory city school, and Clifton Moone, from Hibriten High.

Biology was taught by two more Hickory High teachers, Raymond Barrett and Ron Manness. Geometry and Algebra were taught by Jack Robinson from East Burke and Danny Seaver from West Caldwell.

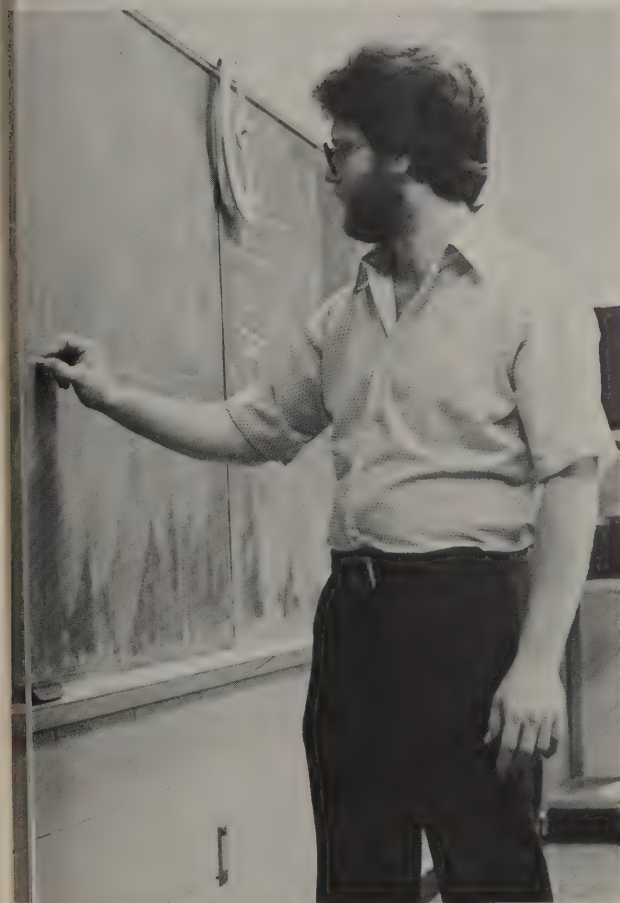


Working carefully with a compass takes all of senior Andy Bosts and junior Stephen Spencer's attention.

There are always many things summer school students would rather be doing. During Geometry, junior Steve Parrish daydreams of sunshine and swimming.



Exams often cause tension among students. Squeezing in some last minute study time, senior Julie Flowers looks over the test material.



It's always nice to have a second opinion. Junior Anita Randall checks with junior Janet Chisolm about a tough problem.

Several teachers from other schools were hired to teach courses over the summer. Danny Seaver, from West Caldwell, shows his Geometry students how to find the circumference of a circle and prove lines are parallel.

Computer programming boosts interest

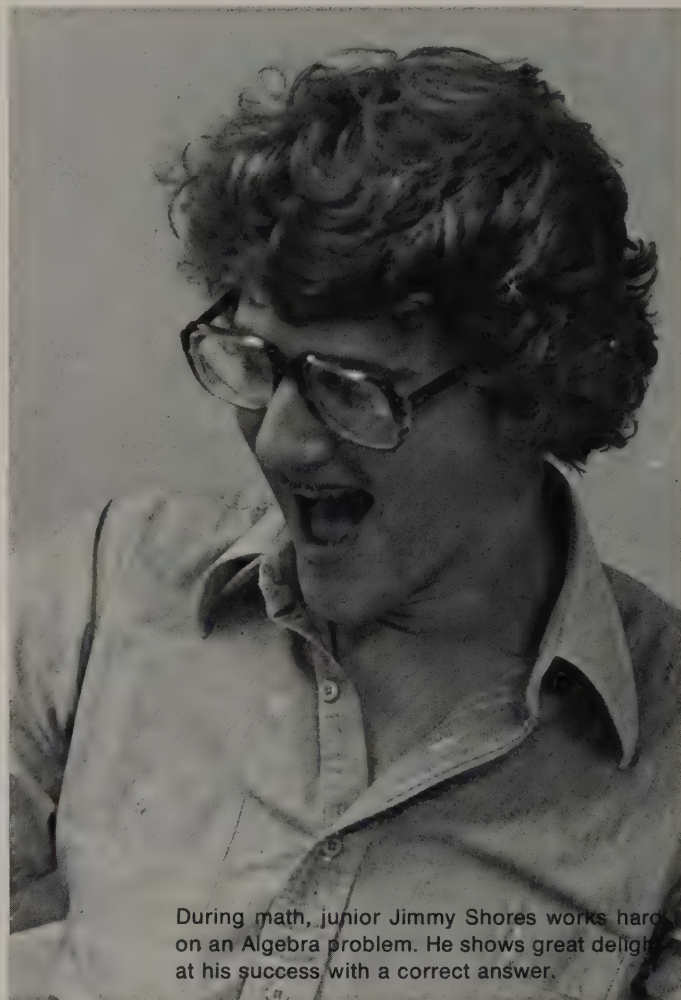
Teachers in math said they noticed an exciting overall interest in the students. This interest could have come from the competency test which students must take to graduate. Some students even took a math study hall hoping to learn something for the math area of the test.

"We tried to show some symmetry between math and hobbies by doing some math art work such as macrame and string art," said Ms. Lois Long.

Her class also did some computer programming and reports on mathematicians and their accomplishments.

Two new classes were added to Hickory High's criteria: Analytical geometry and Calculus. The classes brought about twice as many students to the math department in comparison to last year. Basic math classes weren't as crowded allowing students more individual attention.

The teachers worked toward several goals. "We tried to get students to learn to read a math book so they won't be so dependant on a teacher when they go to college," said Ms. Elizabeth Smyre.



During math, junior Jimmy Shores works hard on an Algebra problem. He shows great delight at his success with a correct answer.



In Algebra it is important to keep up with what is taught. Students in Ms. Cheryl Frye's room keep their eyes toward the front as she explains a problem on the overhead.



A pleasant attitude helps senior Amy Robins concentrate on her studies in class.



Historical research absorbs sophomore David Blevins' attention as he goes through the encyclopedia.

Speakers enliven history classes

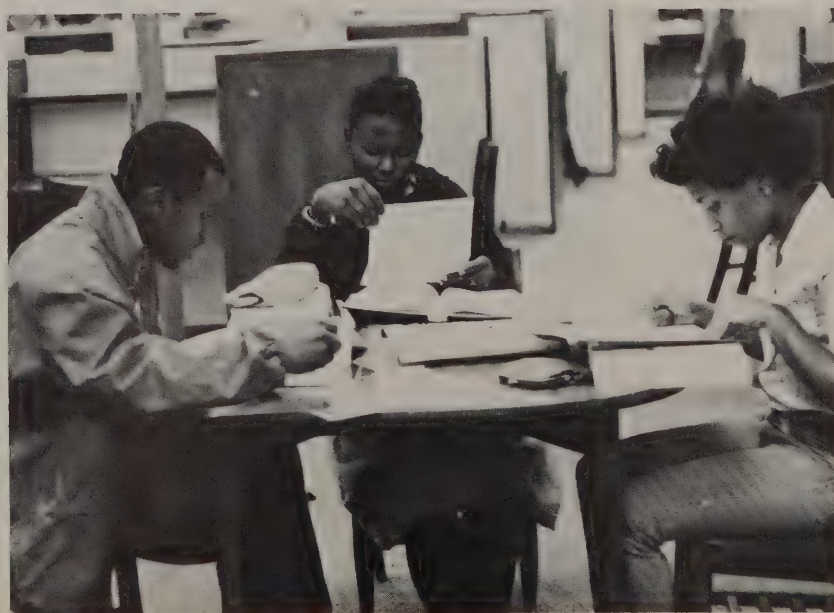
History classes heard guest speakers from the Art Enrichment League, a branch of the Hickory Service League, whose topics included Greek and Egyptian Cultures. In October a field trip was planned to see "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," a full-length movie.

Students played games to familiarize themselves with historical events. History bingo, baseball, and "Win the World," a game in which players try to become ruler of the world, helped students remember important happenings in history. Other activities included field trips to the Propst House and Corinth United Church of Christ to observe types of architecture.



Some students use the library for study. Sophomore Denise Wright reviews material for a test to be given the following day.

Library research is an integral part of academic life on campus. Sophomores Barnard Reynolds, Donna Rice, and senior Melinda Lawrence work on a history assignment.



English courses meet needs for basic and specialized skills

"English teaches the arts of reading, writing, listening, and viewing," said Ms. Mildred Whittington, who teaches English I and IV.

Specialized courses for all students, as well as courses such as Great People of the World and Southern Literature, teach different aspects of English studies.

A highlight for English classes was a week of study with Ms. Ellen Johnston-Hale, poet-in-residence from Chapel Hill. She gave the students many of her tips on writing poetry.

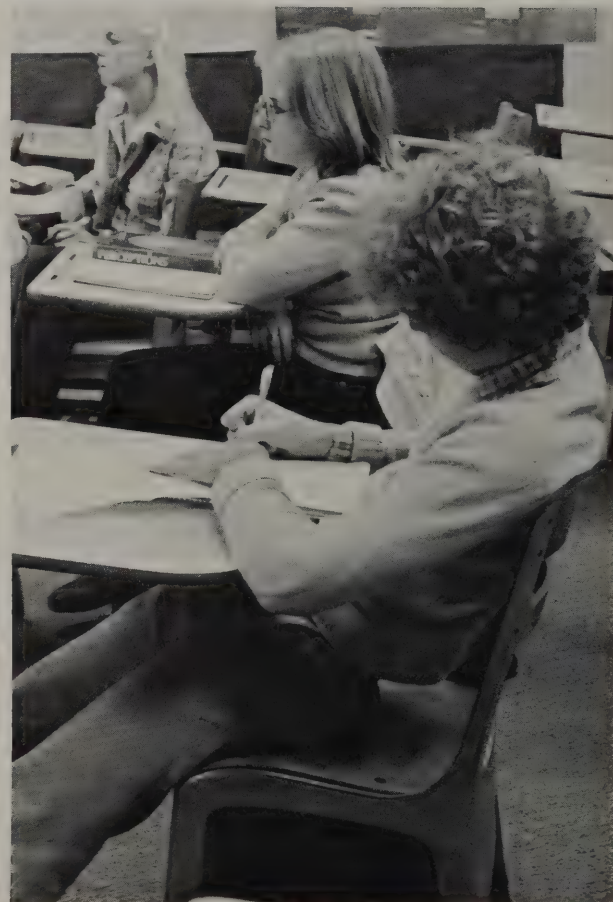


Some of Ms. Mildred Whittington's English questions are hard, but sophomore Shander Ellis knows the answers!



Studying for the next day's English quiz, sophomore James McCray reviews the assigned chapter.

Note-taking is an essential part of English study. Sophomore Mark Mitchell takes notes for next week's test.



Archery, basketball, football make up P.E. units

A semester of P.E. was broken into several units of work. Before the classes started each unit, the teachers, Ms. Laurie Newman and Mr. Steve Morgan, explained and demonstrated the rules and regulations of the activity. The students then participated in drills, and finally played the games.

The fall semester started with a unit of physical fitness, stressing exercise and conditioning. After a soccer unit came an archery unit, in which safety rules were stressed. All these units were co-ed.

About the middle of the semester, the classes split. The boys went with Mr. Morgan, and the girls with Ms. Newman. The boys participated in wrestling and basketball, while the girls took on basketball and gymnastics. They then got back together for volleyball and dance.

The spring semester was essentially the same, although units of softball and track were substituted for archery and flag football.

Student opinions of the course were relatively good. Sophomore Suzanne Boyd stated, "I like the course but I think they should add tennis and take away exercise." According to Regina James, another sophomore, the course is really easy but should be extended to a year instead of a semester.



Students can often learn archery by having someone else watch and point out mistakes. As sophomore Melanie Powell looks on, sophomore Alisa Rudisill aims for the target.

Archery teaches students how to properly handle a bow and arrow. Sophomore Todd Kent practices to improve his techniques.

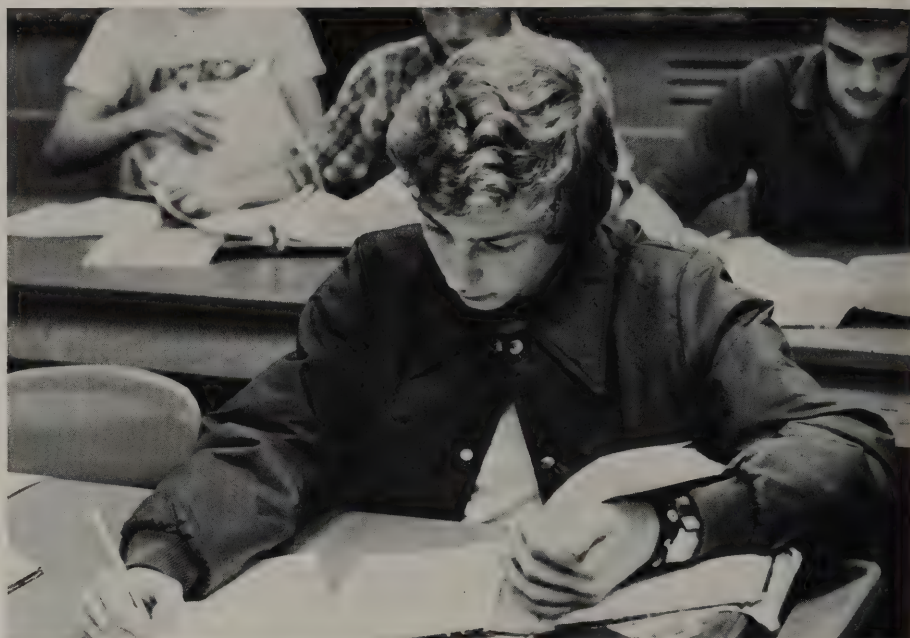


Science labs offer chance to experiment

At least two science courses were required for graduation, and students had Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Human Systems to choose from. Although one class was dropped, most classes were filled, especially in the field of biology.

Environmental Science was discontinued due to lack of interest, but it will be offered again if enrollment rises. However, Advanced Biology, which was dropped last year, was filled with seniors this year.

One focal point of science studies was lab experiments. Labs offered students a chance to get away from the textbook and actually see what they had been reading about.



To familiarize themselves with new words, science students must often use the glossary. Sophomore Steve Hodges hunts for a new biological term.

A chance for extra credit prompts sophomore Ann McDowell to cut letters and make a bulletin board.



Cultures enhance language studies

An equal mixture of speaking, reading, writing, and listening was stressed in French classes and many activities were planned. In January students viewed a play by Ionesco, a French playwright, and studied other French artists.

Spanish studies stressed a better understanding of the people of Spanish-speaking countries. Students in Spanish II watched the movie "Don Quixote" written in a Spanish dialogue and played soccer to familiarize themselves with Spanish games.

Latin classes highlighted their year with a Roman wedding. Students dressed in togas and imitated the customs of an ancient Roman wedding. Ms. Mary Ellen Oyler stressed vocabulary and Roman history to her students in their studies.

An enjoyable part of Spanish class is tasting foods native to Spanish-speaking countries. Senior Bill Means takes a mouthful of a South American bread.



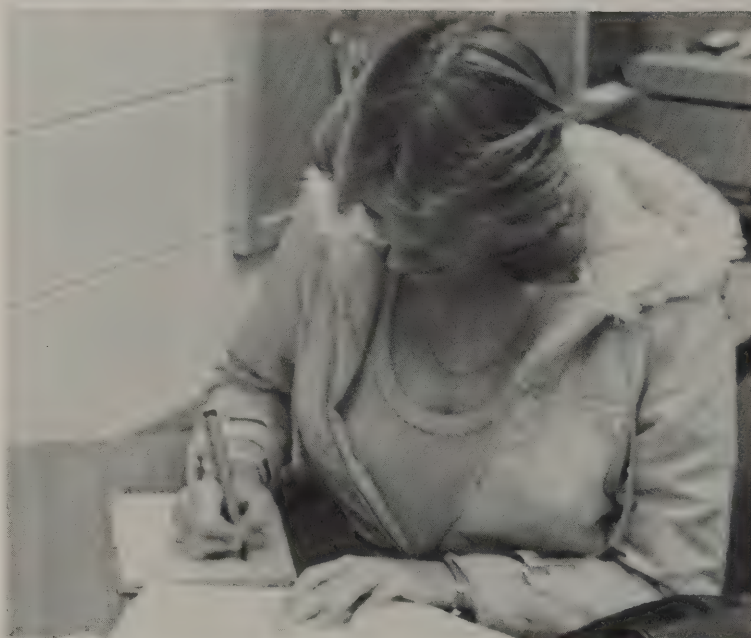
Workbook exercises are a necessary part of French classes. Rushing to complete an assignment, sophomore Glenda Rice finishes her French classwork.

COO : Getting paid for learning skills

How would you like to be paid for learning a trade? Cooperative Office Occupations (COO) students did. The course offered an opportunity to learn about office work in the morning and actually do office work in the afternoon.

COO filled a two-hour block, offering thirty credit points toward graduation. It was offered only to seniors with at least one semester of typing. Enrollment was low, leaving time for helping the individual.

Most students in COO were interested in continuing to work in a business atmosphere either in secretarial or clerical work.



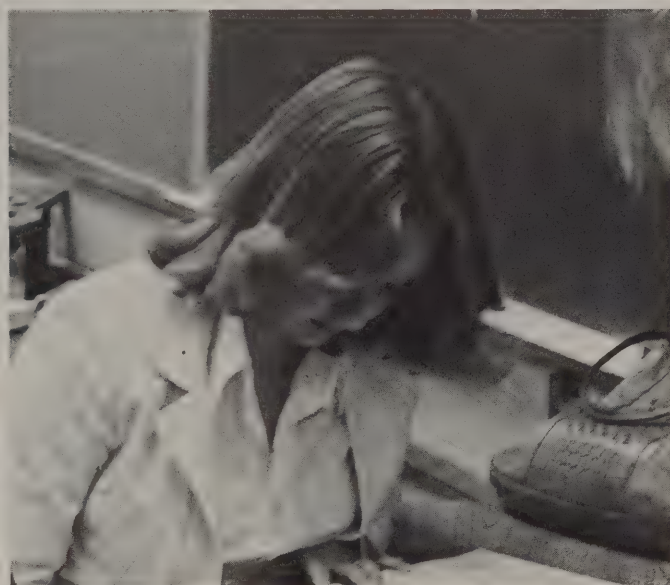
COO is a demanding class, involving reading and skimming for facts. Seniors Kay Hoyle and Jennifer Barnette concentrate on their studies, while senior Kathy Carrier looks on.

Taking notes is a necessary part of all classes, and COO is no exception. Senior Debbie Whisnant summarizes a chapter to complete her classwork.



Teaching a business course requires careful planning and evaluation. Ms. Judy Teague, dressed for Western Day, skims an assignment for errors.

Shorthand is one of the many beneficial rewards of COO. To complete an assignment, senior Melissa Shook finishes an article in her *Shorthand II* manual.



Students learn about health occupations



HO I students learn basic skills for health workers. Taking senior Lisa Stark's blood pressure, junior Sara Hilton watches the gauge carefully.

Students in Health Occupations learn about the many fields open to them through medical training. They often put up posters to depict what they studied.

Few people realize that the training of medical personnel can begin in high school. For the second year a class called Health Occupations (HO) was offered to students interested in going into a health field.

Introduction to Health Occupations, a one semester course, was designed to introduce students to the occupations available through medical training. Additional information was available in HO I, a two semester course, through knowledge of the basic sciences and first aid.

HO II could be taken after HO I, teaching the students how to care for patients and offering actual experience. The class lasted two hours each day, and during the second semester students worked part of every day in a health care agency.

Throughout the year an assortment of speakers added to the Health Occupations classes. They included representatives of the Bridge, Health Department, and alcoholic rehabilitation organizations.



Home Ec. teaches family care

Teachers of the Home Economics department believe that every young person should learn to care for themselves and others. Although the enrollment went down slightly, the students' interest in Home Ec. was as high as ever.

There are three levels of Home Economics, but they are not clearly defined. Overall goals of the Home Ec. department were to reach as many people as possible and supply them with enough information to someday care for their own families.



Learning to sew, sophomore Teresa Audrey looks for the materials she needs to start a new Home Ec. project.



More and more, boys are realizing that they need the skills taught in Home Ec. as much as girls do. Ms. Helen Ramsey watches as sophomore Perry Smith threads the sewing machine.

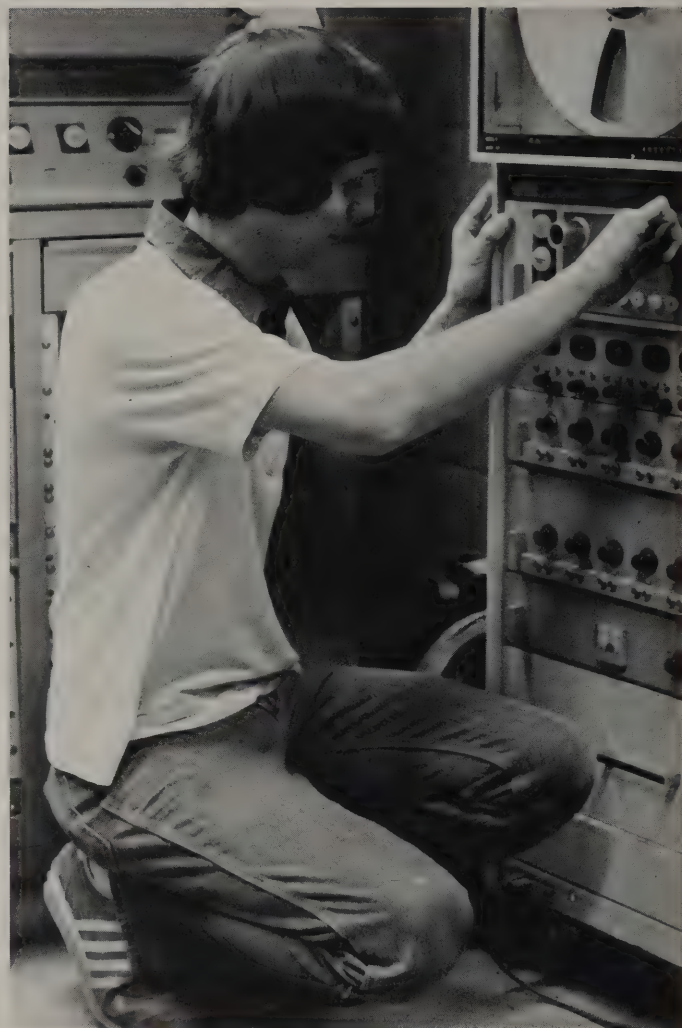
Radio and TV produce show

Concentrating on voicing the opinions of Hickory High students, Radio and Television produced the show "Hickory High Speaks." Airing weekly, it covered topics such as the renewal of draft registration. Radio and Television also handled the production of shows on channel eight, the Hickory City Schools television station.

As in the past juniors gathered stories for Radio and Television and senior members handled the production of shows. Members were also employed in local radio stations as disc jockeys. After graduation students could take an FCC test or go on to college for an in-depth study of broadcasting.

Starting his first year at Hickory High, Tom Rankin was in charge of Radio and Television. A vocational, two-hour course, Radio and Television was offered to juniors and seniors, and sophomore T and I students were given a short introductory course.

Equipment in Radio and Television must be checked daily for malfunction. Senior Steve Crawford goes over a reel to reel recorder checking for faulty connections.



Beginning his first year at Hickory High, Tom Rankin was in charge of Radio and Television, a two-hour vocational course.





The audio board is a necessary part of the radio room. Mixing a recording, senior Lawrence Aldridge checks for consistency of sound.

All shows produced for channel eight are made in the TV studio at Hickory. Senior Barry Piercy handles a television camera.



"Age of visuals" stems ability

"This is the age of visuals," said Ms. Martha Bruton, art teacher.

She explained that by this she meant today there is more to look at than in the past, causing people to be more visually stimulated to be creative. She thought that the interest in art continued to grow because it offered exciting career opportunities and was one of the major ways man communicates universally since it is basic and has no language barriers.

Several projects completed by the art department were helpful in making the halls of the school a little nicer to look at and in building school spirit.

Early in the fall, students learned the basics of design such as lines, perspective, and color. Watercolor paintings showed bright imagination through the use of color.

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens was depicted through a three dimensional scene which helped get students in the Christmas spirit.

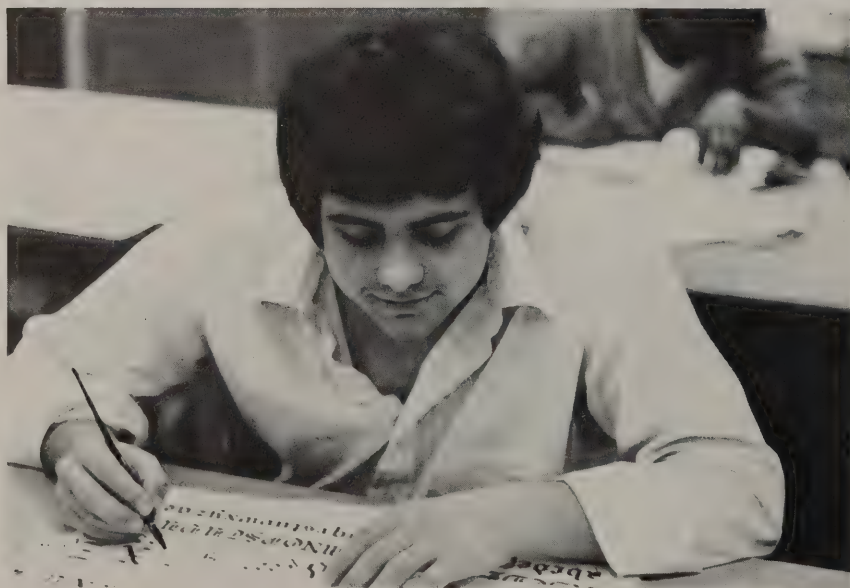
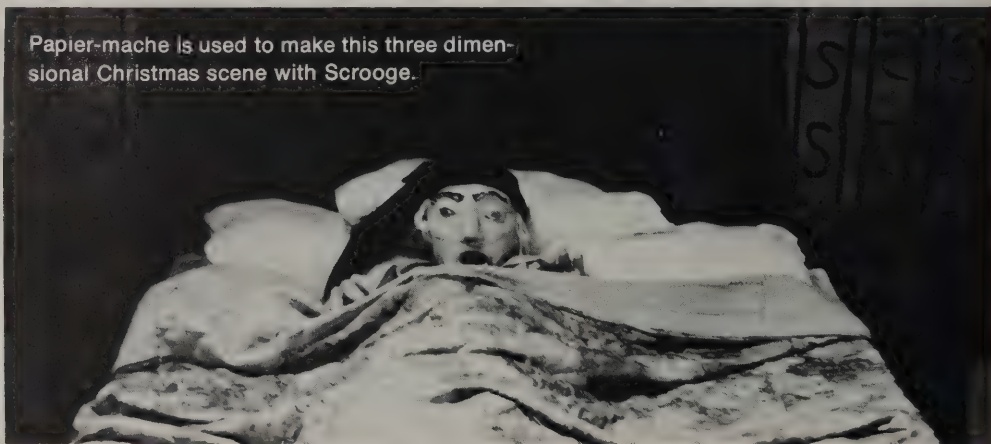
A wrestling mural was painted on a wall in the gym. It helped give incentive to the wrestlers to win their tournament.

Other projects were decorations for the junior-senior, oil-painting, and scenery for the drama play.



String art, one of the choices for art projects, gets senior Brad Brown's attention as he begins his picture.

Papier-mache is used to make this three dimensional Christmas scene with Scrooge.



A little critical advice from Ms. Martha Bruton helps senior Melynn Morgan.

Lettering is as much an art form as painting. Senior John Wood works with models to learn Old English script.

Basics studied lead to promising careers

Each student has a container for completed work. Sophomore Jill Bowman is pleased to finish and put away an assignment.



Approximately 450 students participated in business courses. After a student learned the basics they could further their studies in college which could lead to careers such as accounting, marketing, business management and computer science.

"Business courses offered in our department were geared toward your own personal benefit as well as making a living," said Ms. Violet Ramseur head of the business department.



Eyes on the exercise, senior Carol Ann Swann concentrates on her work.



Operating much needed new electric typewriters, senior Stephen Tucker and sophomore Priscilla Connelly zip through class work.

Drama tries new angle in production

Each year the drama class puts on a major production, but this year they were trying a unique style. They planned a dinner theater with singing waiters and waitresses to serve the customers food prior to the performance.

The play presented was "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It." Lawrence Gibbs, drama instructor, hoped to have as much support from students, parents, and other community members as with prior productions.

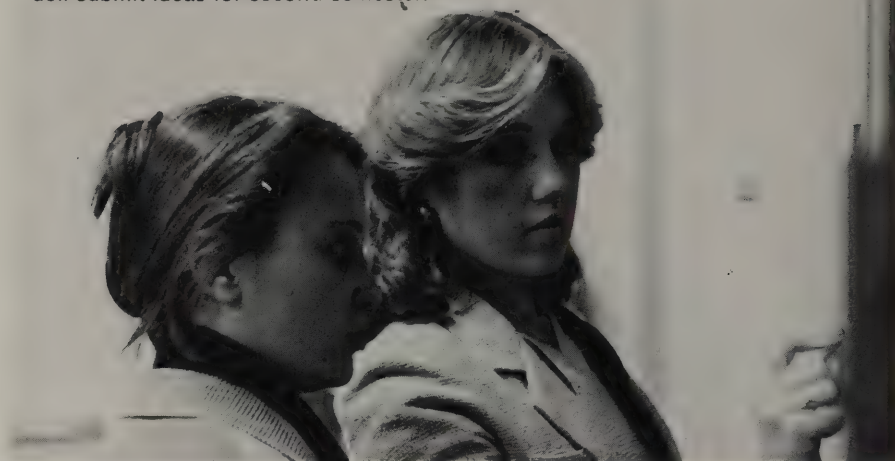
In 1979 the drama class presented "A Thurber Carnival", a collection of skits by James Thurber.

Preparing for their productions, students spent each day practicing and performing pantomimes, oral readings, scenes from plays, and improvisational skits.

Mr. Gibbs' goals for the class centered on giving the beginning drama students experiences which would encourage the use of their abilities in the dramatic arts.

"I would like to instill in them a sense of dedication to good performance and a pride in accomplishment," said Mr. Gibbs. "I want to help them build self-confidence."

Writing suggestions for drama projects on the board, sophomores Carla Hefner and Gail Brindell submit ideas for second semester.



Acting without words, junior Aubrey Peterson pantomimes a young boy's excitement on Christmas morning.

Orchestra practices for many performances

Strains of Baroque, classical, and Renaissance music drifted from practice rooms as orchestra students rehearsed each day.

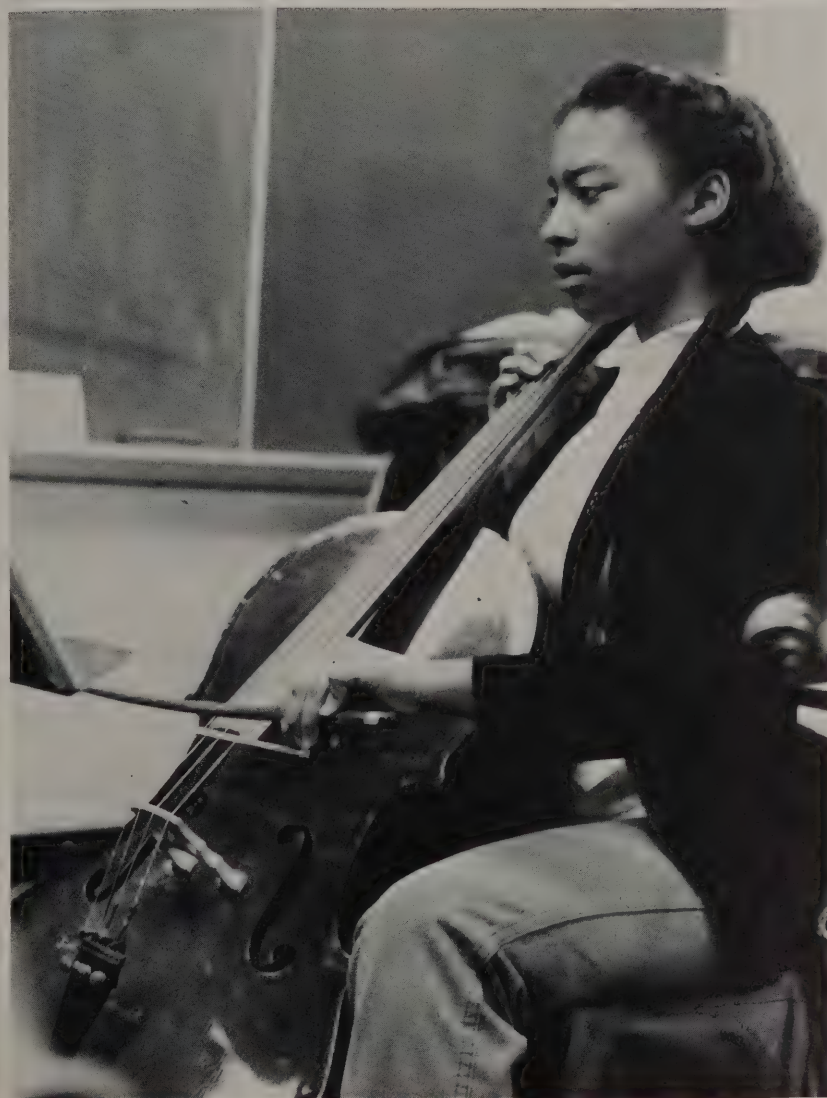
Invitations to play poured in and the five-piece orchestra performed for elementary and junior high schools, the Club for the Blind, Junior League, Altrusa Club, and the School Board.

Sophomore Marshall Mauney and senior Celeste Feather were members of the Western Piedmont Symphony as well as the orchestra.

Orchestra director, James Dellinger, was anxious to see the ninth grade moved to Hickory High, as that move would insure a major increase in the number of orchestra students.

"We are looking forward to next year when we'll have at least twenty string players and additional woodwinds," he said.

A trip to New York was planned for the spring, where the orchestra would hear the New York Philharmonic and see the musical "Annie".



Bow poised over the strings of her viola, sophomore Dee Dee Gaither is ready to rehearse with the orchestra.



As his students watch and listen, Mr. Dellinger demonstrates the proper way to play a new piece of music.

New additions to chorus helpful;

Ms. Sharon Sigmon, a student teacher from Appalachian State University, was helpful to Bill Preble, chorus and Band director. She not only helped in teaching, but she also was pianist for the chorus.

Mr. Preble said the total number of chorus students was down. He lost quite a few of the students due to graduation, but he had overall more good singers. The chorus was divided into two classes; mixed chorus for the beginning choral students and the concert choir for the more advanced singers. In performances the best singers of the mixed chorus joined the concert choir members.

Mr. Preble planned to have the

chorus take part in several ensemble and large group festivals. Also, chorus members were invited to go on a trip to New York to see musicals, art museums, and go on tours.

Several students auditioned for All State Honors Chorus, Mars Hill Choral Clinic, Governor's School, and All State Chorus. Seniors interested in pursuing further vocal studies auditioned for colleges.

The chorus felt privileged to have Libby Beezer from MacMillan publishers help the students with vocal techniques and solos for auditions. Mr. Preble incorporated more theory and ear training as part of the music curriculum.

Front row (from left) Anneliese Simmons, Beth Hayes, Wandy Diets, Iva Killian, Beth Deal, Kim Setzer, Kathy Terrell; back row: (from left) Rodney Hines, Todd Miles, Danny Tilman, Griffin Wilfong, Bob Richards, Jimmy Shores, Richie Blevins, Chris Simmons, Roger Shuford, Ron Miller, Ronnie Champion, and Ronald Carson.

Perfection is important as the concert choir members work to blend their voices in harmony for "Sing We And Chant It."



Popular and classical pieces make up repertoire



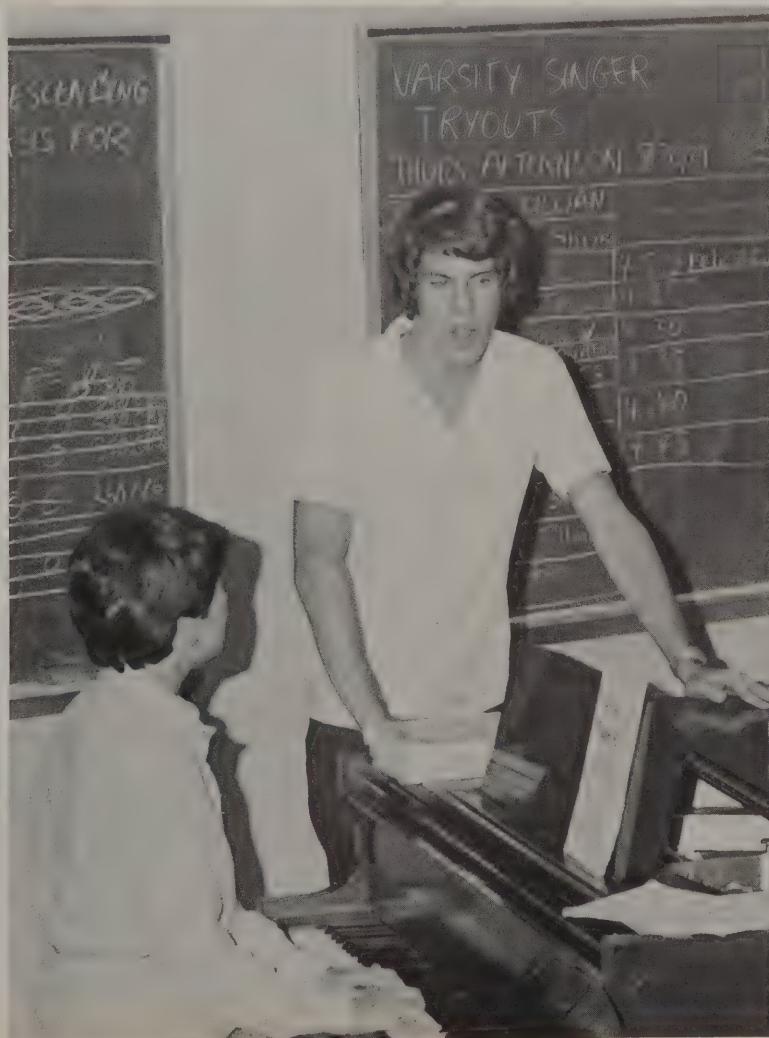
Several four and five part pieces including "The Rainsong" by Houston Bright, "Geographical Rouge" by Ernst Toch and "The Messiah" by Handel were classical pieces that made up the Varsity Singers repertoire.

Also included were some popular pieces such as Anne Murray's "You Needed Me," Billy Joel's "Just The Way You Are" and Melissa Manchester's "Don't Cry Out Loud."

Varsity Singers had auditions early in the fall for new members, bringing the group total to twenty. Gray Styers and Danny Tilman were piano and guitar accompanists. The addition of microphones to go with the amplifier gave the group a bigger sound.

Front row: (from left) Beth Hayes, Anneliese Simmons, Melissa Shook, Iva Killian, Felicia Culbreath; back row: (from left) Griffin Wilfong, Danny Tilman, Jimmy Shores, Ron Miller, Chris Simmons, Avery Abernathy, and Gray Styers.

Working with Libby Beezer, vocal specialist, Avery Abernathy auditions for Varsity Singers.



Band plans participation in Mardi Gras

The band was invited to New Orleans to march in the Mardi Gras parades. This was the second trip that the Hickory High School Band had taken to Mardi Gras, having attended in February of 1978 when they marched in The Greatest Bands in the South Parade. This year they marched in this parade and one other during their seven day visit.

To raise money for the trip, they sold Christmas candles and doughnuts, and they held a yard sale. They also reorganized the Band Boosters. Through the Band Boosters they hoped to get large donations from several corporations in the unifour area.

The band played at all the football games. The full band marched at all home games, but only the fifteen-member pep band went to the away games. This was due to a new 4-A conference rule which states that only the home team

bands can march during halftime. The pep band played for the opening of the Bank of Granite and at both Valley Hills and Catawba Malls.

Although overall the band had a good year, they faced a few problems. The percussion section, which consists of nine members, was great during marching season, but presented a problem during concert season because it was difficult to find parts for all the members. Other sections were weak because of too few players and there were no oboes or bassoons. For this reason they did not go to contests. Bill Preble, band director, said that he hoped to have a bigger and better band next year.

"The ninth grade bands in both College Park and Grandview Junior Highs are of good size and quality, which will help the band next year by balancing and strengthening the sections," said Mr. Preble.

Brass: Front row: (from left) April Mace, Gerry Lawing, Dean Warren, Lydia Yost, Beth Jonston; Second row: (from left) Tracy Litaker, Danny Plants, Ellen Dixon, Todd McCurry, Lynn Newton; Back row: (from left) Greg Warmuth, Stann Gwynn.

Flags: Front row: (from left) Priscilla Connelly, Eugena Yount, Denise Snow, Cindy Miner, Beth Lavendar, Anita Carson; Back row: (from left) Marie Dillingham, Katie Stinson, Bonita Clemmons, Deborah Corpening, Gena Lackie, Ellen Pollard.



*April,
Enjoyed getting
to know you and
hope you'll come back
to see us.
Good Luck,
Bill Preble*



Flag Corps members do not always use their flags in a routine. As the band plays "Saturday Night Fever" behind her, senior Melinda Lawrence participates in a dance.



Drums: Front row: (from left) Garfield Washington, Angela Beaver; Second row: (from left) Allan Good, Eric Gentry, Terry Rudolph, Pat Daughtrey, Rick Lael.



Woodwinds: Front row: (from left) Becky Pollack, Karis Kercher, Celeste Feather, Denise Wright, Debra Sides, Carol Lawrence; Second row: (from left) Pam Robinson, Lisa Burke, Caroline Giles, Gayle Burns, Lydia Robinson; Back row: (from left) Phillip McGaha, Raymond Barrett, David Fogarty, Keegan Johnston.



Rifles: Front row: (from left) Kristi Ashman, Stann Gwynn; Back row: (from left) Susie Fulbright, Melanie Herman.

Majorettes: Front row: (from left) Marie Lewis, Teresa Abernathy, Susan Smith, drum major-ette; Gina Yoder, Robin Oxendine.



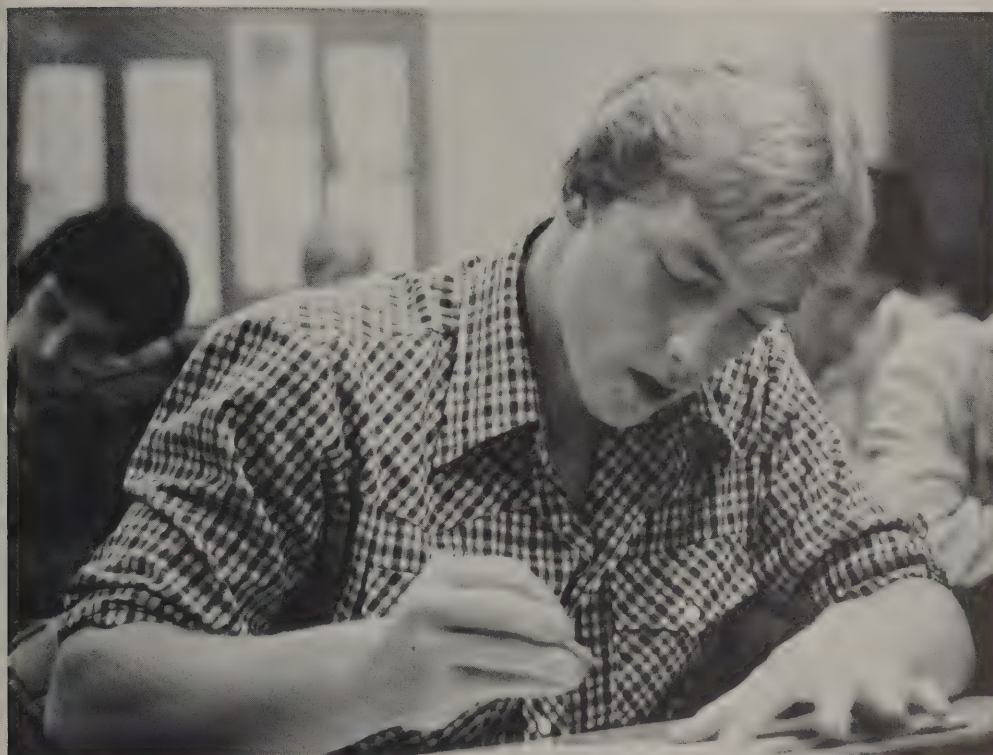
one of the few things I did in band.
Also, the one time I didn't drop my rifle

Attitudes keep band balanced

Music the band played ranged from popular to classical. Selections included "Medley from 'Saturday Night Fever'", "Theme from Vegas", and "The Water Music" by Handel. One band member said that he liked the music the band played because it appealed to people of all ages.

Band members had a well-balanced perspective concerning the marching and concert band. "I think that the band members had a good attitude towards band," said band director Bill Preble. "They did not want to go to marching band contests every Saturday in the spring. They wanted to have a good concert band as well as a good marching band. I think this is good. Band members should have a good attitude between the marching and the concert bands."

GT classes stress an in depth learning program



Concentrating on completing the square, junior Mark Huggins finishes his Algebra II GT test. GT students are chosen from test grades and must keep their test scores up to remain in the GT program.

English GT class celebrated their study of Greek philosophers with a Greek festival. Sophomore Shelly Lineberger tries some goat cheese, a Greek food.



Although the Gifted and Talented (GT) classes switched from English and history to English and math, their purpose remained the same. The main objective of the classes was to bring together students with like abilities in an accelerated, in-depth learning program.

English classes stressed literature of all types, reading many novels and short stories. During their study of Greek philosophers, English II had a Greek festival with Greek foods and a slide presentation tour of Greece. Classes also had guest speakers ranging from other students to members of the community.

Emphasizing logical methods of proof and a reinforcement of algebraic skills, mathematics classes began their first year in the GT program. Special events in the math classes ranged from a study of the art work of M.C. Escher to researching the history of math.

GT class participants were selected by test and IQ scores and grades. Classes offered good experience for college because they covered more material and moved at a faster rate.

Hard work prepares exceptional classes for test

The goal of the exceptional classes was to prepare students to pass the competency test. Hard work in math, social studies, English, and science helped the students develop the skills they would need later.

Students were rewarded for their hard work with a trip to Myrtle Beach. In 1980 they planned a trip to Disneyworld or Washington, D.C. Students said they liked these classes and thought they had learned more than in any other grade.

In preparation for the competency test, Gloria Powell, Angie Geter, and Rosetta Knox include a study of English.

Researching their science projects, Jesse Connelly, Richard King, Anita Carson, Sonya Freeman, and David Arnold take notes.





Concerned about an upcoming test, Melvin McAthern and Chris Fambrough review their notes and worksheets.

Absorbed in classwork, Geraldine Geter, Gloria Powell, Rosetta Knox, and Angie Geter work to complete an assignment.

A search for the answers to history questions absorbs Lisa Moore and Carolyn Cumberlander as they prepare their assignment.



VICA develops leadership

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) is a student organization involving the Trade and Industry program. Its purpose was to develop leadership and learning abilities.

VICA members set goals at the beginning of the year. Their projects were aimed toward self-improvement and helped both in the school and in the community.

Carpentry — Front row (from left): Jerry Steins, Jeff Wallace, Kevin Travis; Back row (from left): Jimmy Griffin, Mike Galloway, Johnny Starnes, George Oglesby.



Masonry Carpentry

Masonry and Carpentry classes planned to have representatives at district contests. If a winner, a student went on to state competitions and then to the national in Atlanta.

Carpentry — Front row (from left): Barry Yoder, David Reitzel, Robert Pruitt, Eddie Burns; Back row (from left): Mr. Stafford, advisor; Jeff Milam, Andy Collins, Roderick Pruitt, Larry Brigham, Bruce Corpening.



Masonry — Front row (from left): Steve Fox, Mike Cline; Back row (from left): Marvin Al-dridge, Lee Christopher, Bobby Whaley.



Masonry — Front row (from left): Chuck Campbell, Scott Helton, Danny Huffman, Billy Davis; Back row (from left): Michael Dale, Wally Dula, Mike Buff, Robert Dixon, Jeff Smith, Terry Young, Ty Berry, Mr. Wilson, advisor.



ICT

Members of ICT classes participated in contests concerning leadership and trade on a district and perhaps on a state level. They attended a district meeting at Mount Airy High School in March and, in April, a state meeting in Raleigh.

ICT also held fund-raising events to hold a banquet for area employers

ICT — Front row (from left): Sandy Keller, Debbie Odom, Teresa Shrout; Second row (from left): Chris Radford, Bobby Herman, Terry Bolick, Scott Herman; Back row (from left): Johnny Williamson, Eric Shook, Scott Annas, Joe Julian, Tony Frye.



Sanding a board, senior Jeff Wallace works on a carpentry project.

Trowel in hand, senior Lee Christopher examines his bricklaying.

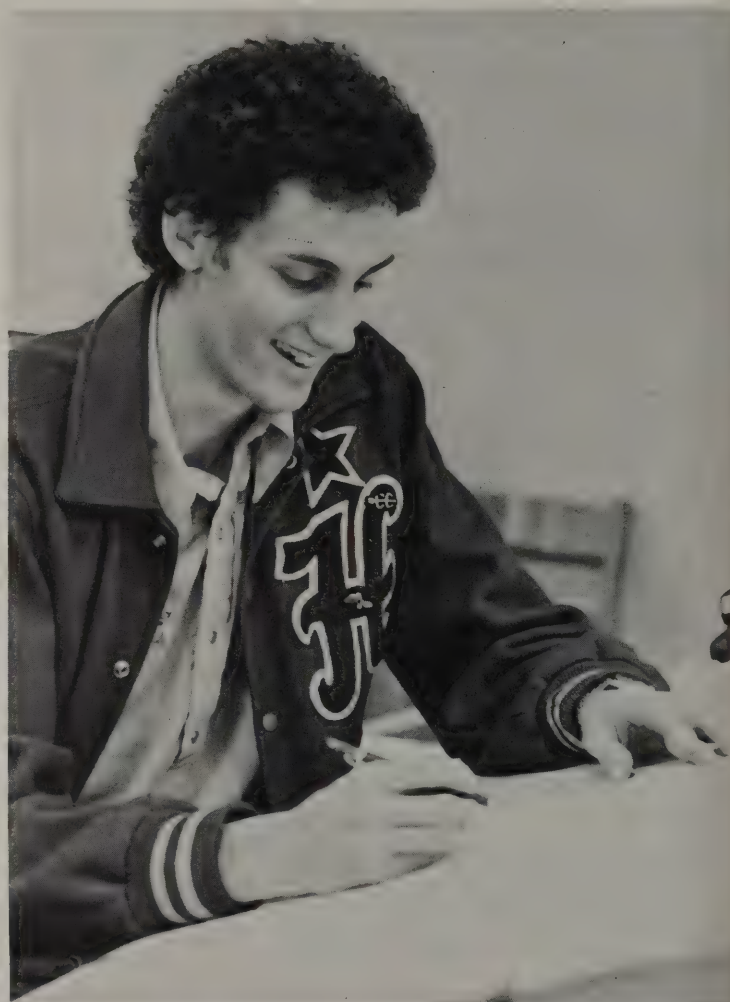


The advanced drafting class spent the first semester designing house plans for a Hickory High teacher. During second semester they planned to work with solar heat and cooling for homes.

The beginning classes learned about machine shop and worked with pictorial representation.

Concentrating on drawing accurate plans, seniors Jimmy Stoltzfus and Craig Abee complete their work in drafting.

Drafting



Drafting — front row (seated): Andy Bost; Second row (from left): Bobby Booth, Mark Logan; Back row (from left): Jimmy Stoltzfus, Craig Abee, Tim Frye.

Drafting — Front row (seated): Angela Propst; Back row (from left): Eric Brown, Joel Taylor, Robert Stratton, Bobby Ingle, Mark Whitt, Mr. Bruton, advisor.

DECA members get on-the-job training

Students interested in retailing, wholesaling, and service areas had a class suited just for them. Distributive Education (DE) classes offered a chance for these students to receive on-the-job training for their careers. They had specific goals and were studying toward certain careers.

These jobs gave students direction and help in achieving their goals. They learned how to find, perform, and leave a job properly.

"I try to make my students responsible people. Like a guidance counselor, I help my students with problems or misunderstandings that arise in their jobs," said Roger Henry, DE Coordinator.

Employers participating in their program found dependable employees who would go into work every day of the school year. When a day was missed, there was always a reasonable excuse.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) was a club for the students enrolled in DE. Since they could not participate in other school clubs because of work, this club held its meeting sometime during the school day.

DECA taught students many things and encouraged private enterprise and economic awareness through individual instruction.

In district contests, students were challenged with questions about the knowledge needed in the various DE job areas.



Front row (from left): Corrine Jessup, Rhonda Bailey, Daren Collins, Ginger Lowder, Rachel Smith, Seslie Richards, Daryl Linder, Beth Clontz, Rhonda Patton, Nancy Williams, Mike Disalvo, Roger Henry, advisor; Second row (from left): Andy Harwood, Jerry Robbins, Steve Davenport, Barry Elliott, Mitch Hungerpillar, Mike Yoder, Dale Henson, Joni Hayes, Tenita Huffman, Sharon Lail, David Hare, Sonya Robinson; Back row (from left): Jeff Gouge, Tanya Williams, Pete Baer, Jack King, Mark Bradshaw, Scott Frye.



In the Juniors and Pace Setters department of Belk's in Valley Hills Mall, DECA member senior Nancy Williams helps a customer find an item.

Working evenings at Moore's Building Supply, senior Daryl Linder learns a trade.

Twig brings students up-to-date

Editorials, interviews, attention.

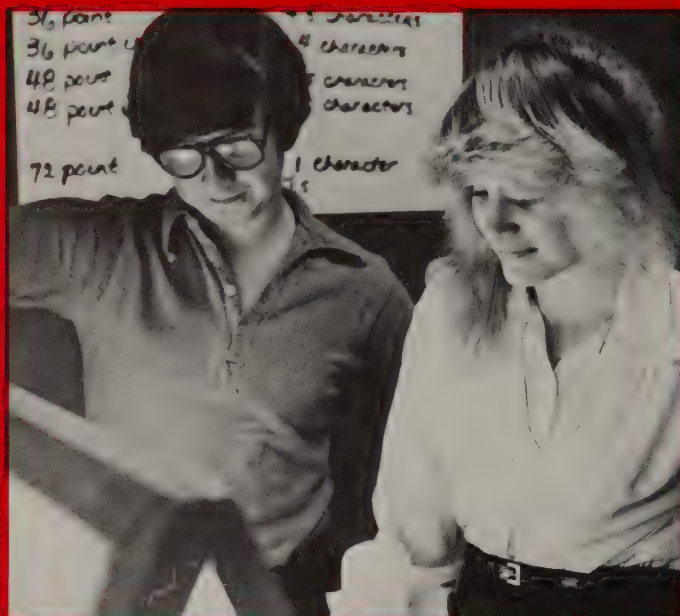
features and news made up each issue of the "Twig." The "Twig" staff, under the direction of Ms. Jane Davis, met deadlines each month to bring happenings to the students'

The 1979 "Twig" won many awards, some being the highest given. One award won was Best Overall in North Carolina from the North Carolina Scholastic Press Associa-

tion (NCSPA).

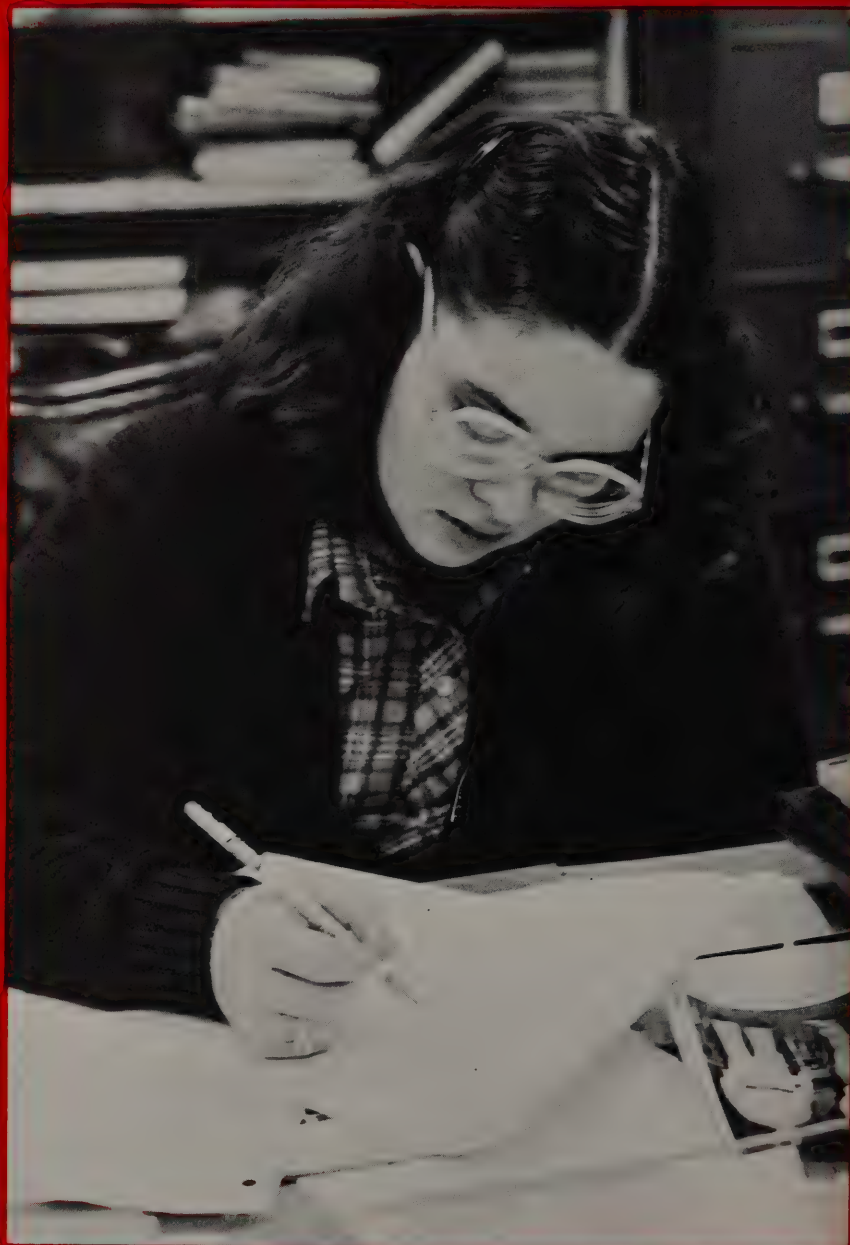
From the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA), a fifteen state organization, the paper received two All-Southern awards. All-Southern is the highest

honor SIPA gives. Individual awards for features, sports, news, photography, and art were awarded to the "Twig" by NCSPA and SIPA.



Checking for straight copy, junior Steven Spencer and sophomore Beverly White stand around the light table.

Being an editor, means going over copy to check for mistakes. Managing editor senior Beth Lavendar proofreads a feature headed for the next issue.





Front row: (from left) Dana Pope, Kristin Waldon, Lisa Woodall, editor-in-chief; Beth Laverdar, managing editor; Beverly White; Back row: (from left) Steven Spencer, Greg Newton, Richard Griffin, Jeff Neuville, photo editor; Sam Ballew, David Lyerly, sports editor.



Writing an article for "Twig," senior Richard Griffin tries to get just the right word.



Putting together a school newspaper takes teamwork. Sophomores Beverly White and Kristin Waldon discuss their layouts.

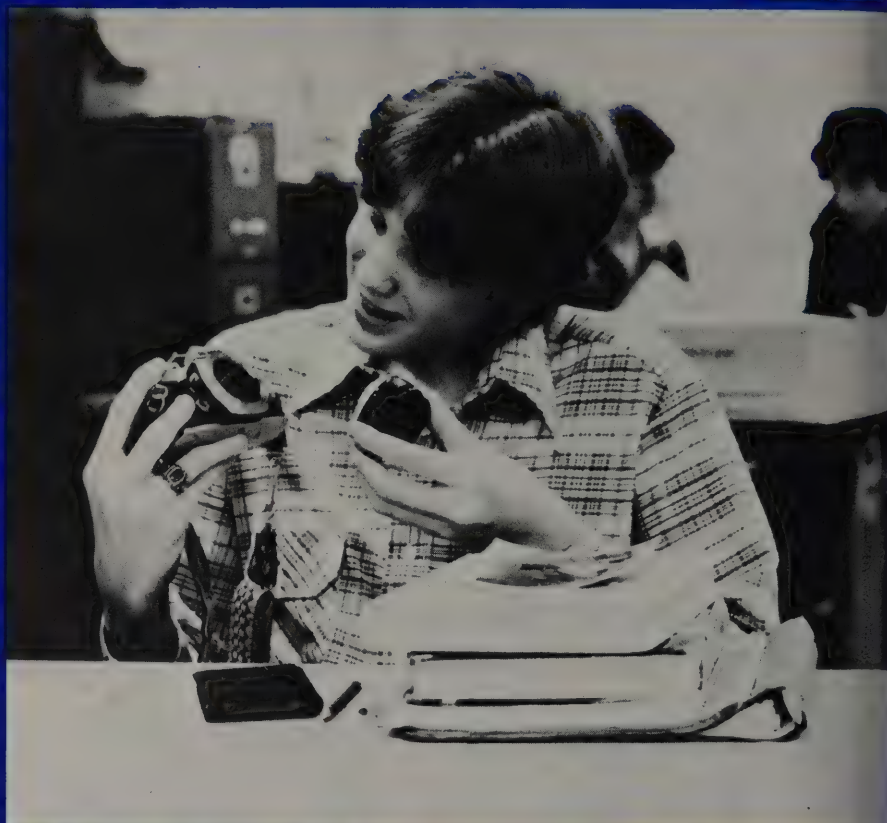
Log staff learns style and production

To begin the year the Log staffers had to learn how to put a yearbook together. Early in the fall they had a test on what they'd learned to make sure they were ready to begin doing layouts, making up cutlines, writing copy, and taking pictures.

To build up enthusiasm in publications, newspaper and yearbook staff members dressed up like clowns on publications day.

Gina Gilbert was Editor and Eric Martin was Associate Editor. Section Editors were chosen along with approximately five people for each area of the yearbook.

The completed book had to be in the publisher's hands by the middle of February. Beginning in September, it was mailed in five sections. The exhausted staff took a deep breath and immediately began work on the following year's book. All of their hard work was rewarded when the book, printed and bound, was delivered in the spring.



Examining his camera lens, junior photographer Ernie Masche prepares to take pictures.



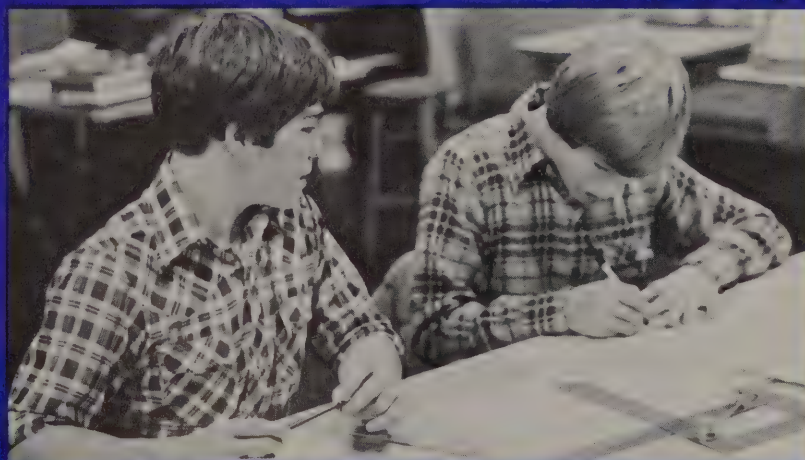
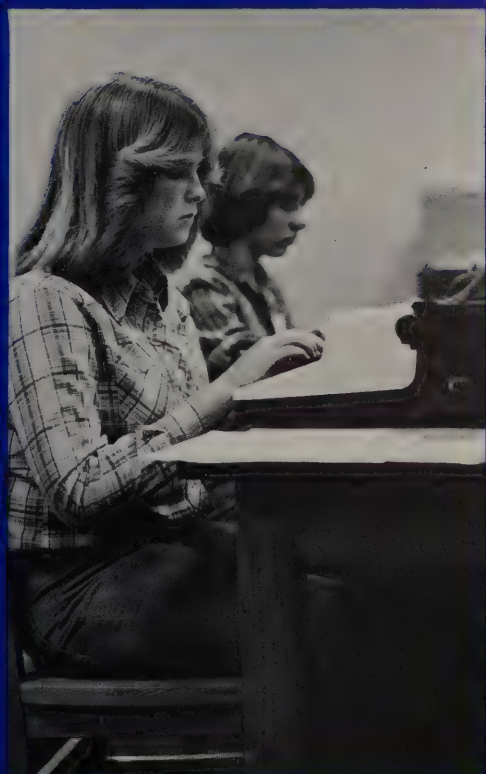
Front row: (from left) Gina Gilbert, editor; Eric Martin, associate editor; Second row: (from left) Elisa Tyson, Gina Triplett, Robin Preddy, Shirley Yount, Jerri Wilfong, Catherine Finegan, Mike Finegan, Lynn Hayes; Third row: (from left) Terry Rudolph, Amy Tanner, Jody Tanner, Polly Shook, Angela Townsend, Boyd Blackburn, Angie Smith, Anneliese Simmons, Jeff Neuville; Back row: (from left) Ernie Masche, Rick Lael, Cathy McRary, Beth Bean, Scott Coleman, Terry Teague, Patrick Kyzer.



Cropping pictures for his layout, junior Terry Rudolph checks the cropped area.

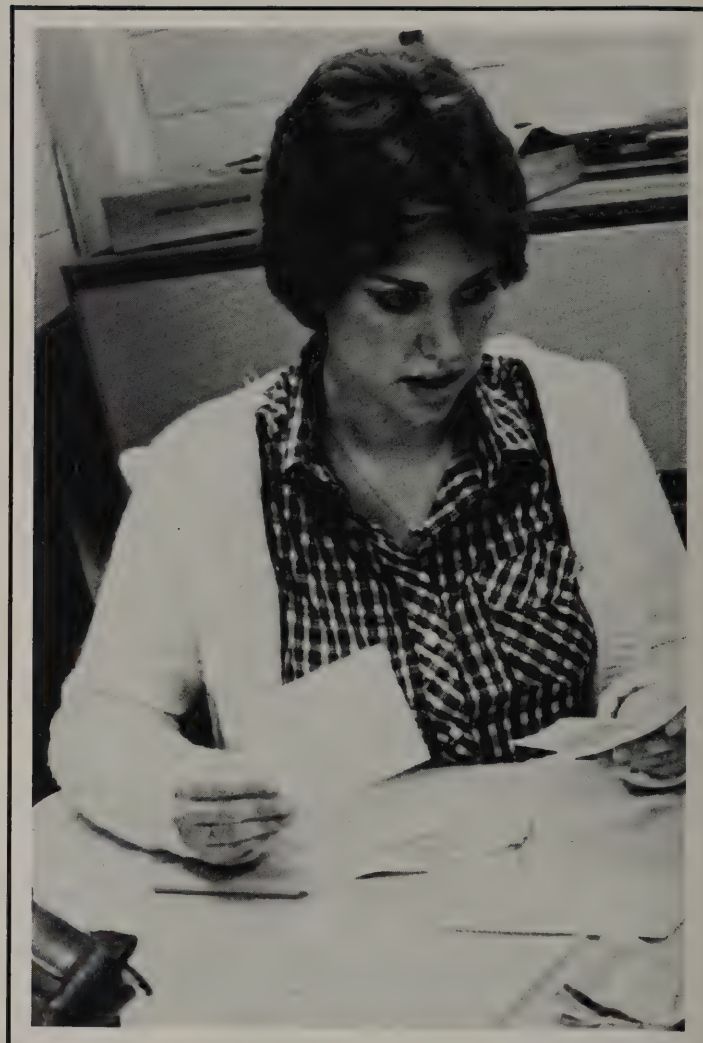


Looking through yearbooks from other schools, associate editor Eric Martin, editor Gina Gilbert and section editor Jerri Wilfong look for ideas.



The first step in doing a page for the yearbook is drawing a layout. Sophomores Mike Finegan and Boyd Blackburn work on a Student Council layout.

Electric typewriters are helpful in typing long columns of copy. Sophomore Cathy McRary types quickly to meet the deadline.



During yearbook sales, Editor Donna Crump checks over receipts for errors. Receipts must be counted, checked and then compared with the total amount of money to insure a correct order.

In addition to handling yearbook and newspaper sales, the business staff sold student directories. Working during lunch, sophomore Neal Hendren is in charge of this phase of the business staff.



Business staff (from left): Neal Hendren, Donna Crump, editor; Reid Watts.

Business staff handles yearbook finance



Seniors Donna Crump, Reid Watts and sophomore Neal Hendren made up a business staff of three, with the giant responsibility of raising \$26,000 to fund the yearbook and newspaper.

They sold close to \$6,000 worth of advertising for the yearbook and four to five pages of ads for each issue of the news magazine. In addition, they handled the sales and distribution for both publications and the sale of all school pictures.

Once ads were sold, Reid, Donna, and Neal designed and pasted up all ads for the yearbook and newspaper.

One of the most important aspects of the business staff is the accurate recording of yearbook orders. Senior Reid Watts counts money and receipts to make sure they match.

Counselors help with course selection

Five counselors worked to help students with course selection and scheduling. In addition they advised seniors about college and career choices and tutored students for the SAT as well as administering the test.

Ms. Pat Hackney was away on maternity leave, but her responsibilities were assumed by Ms. Donna Taylor who worked with students in Work Study and Trade Programs.

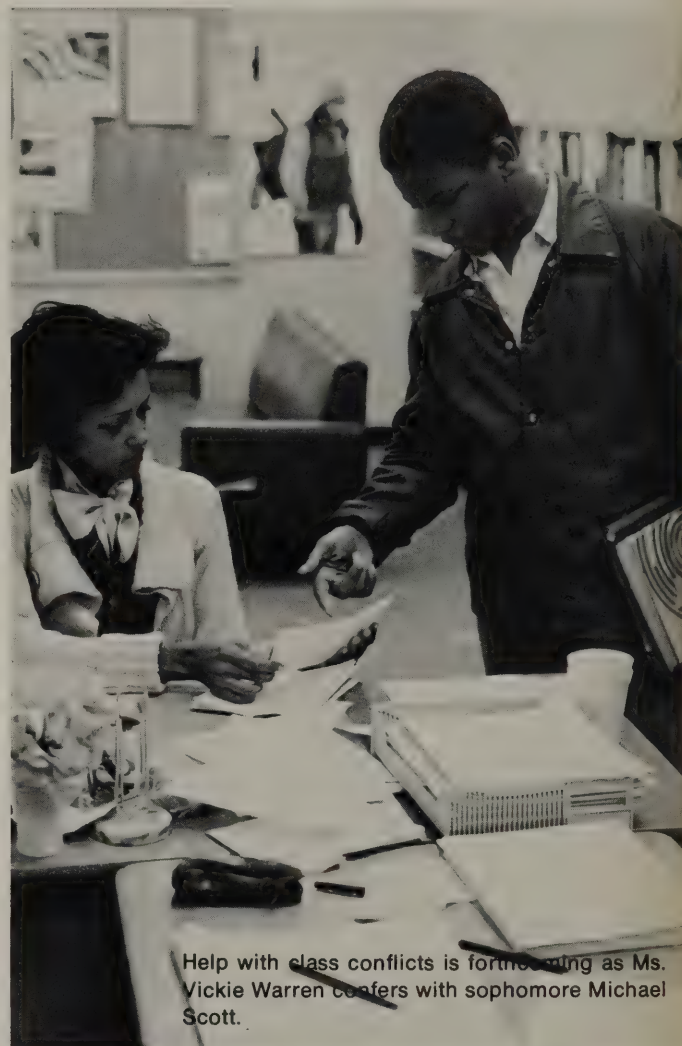
Ms. Fannie Pinkston was the Youth Opportunities Specialist, and provided services for economically disadvantaged youth.

Ms. Glenda Warren assumed total responsibility for all students (last names M — Z) who were not enrolled in the YOS Program, Work Study or Trade and Industry programs.

Ms. Peggy Willingham assumed total responsibility for all students (last names A — L) who were not enrolled in the YOS Program, Work Study or Trade and Industry programs.

Ms. Joanne Luck was the head of the Guidance Department and was in charge of pupil personnel.

At all times counselors tried to be available to help students with personal problems.



Help with class conflicts is forthcoming as Ms. Vickie Warren confers with sophomore Michael Scott.



Conferring with Ms. Glenda Warren (left), Ms. Joyce Gantt, psychologist, discusses placement of students in the Gifted and Talented program.



Each student hopes to get the perfect schedule. Ms. Peggy Willingham works to fit students into classes they have chosen and need.



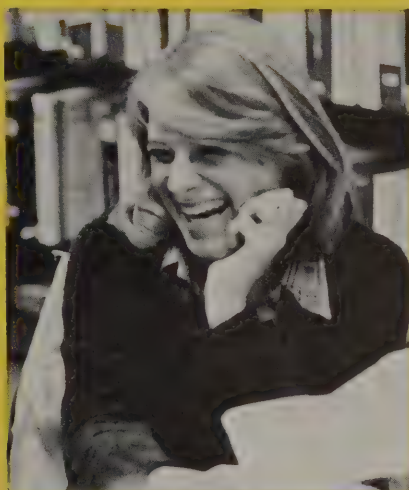
The moment students dread and anticipate approaches as Ms. Joanne Luck sorts report cards to be sent out.

People



Sampling Spanish foods, junior Amina Barrios who is from Panama seems dubious about the authenticity of the meal.

One of several new-comers, Rebecca Garrison enjoys her first year.



"I've got it all together and know exactly where I'm going," bragged Mr. C who looked quite prim, sophisticated and sure of himself as he led the way to Wheeler Town.

The individuals at Hickory High School were more at ease and unity was evident throughout the year. Individuality was expressed in the way a person wore his clothes and his choice of friends. Each student's procedure at school was different. A quick exchange of words before bells or an escape route to skip lunch and eat out were often tried. Seniors chose colleges and last minute beach arrangements were made. Juniors were busy planning Junior-Senior and trying to top the activities of the preceding junior class. The sophomores were just beginning to find solid ground in High School. In any event, every individual helped himself and others to develop themselves by the end of the year.



Henry Williamson
Principal

Charles Mason
Asst. Principal

Sara Aiken
English

Frank Barger
Drivers Education



Maxine Barnhardt
French

Raymond Barrett
Biology

Mildred Benfield
Homemaking

Ann Bohemier
Child Development



Scottie Sue Brittain
Spanish

Henry Bruton
Technical Drafting

Martha Bruton
Art

Wayne Carlton
Furniture

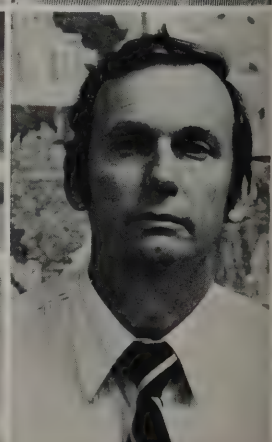
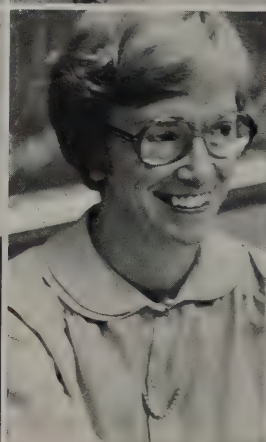
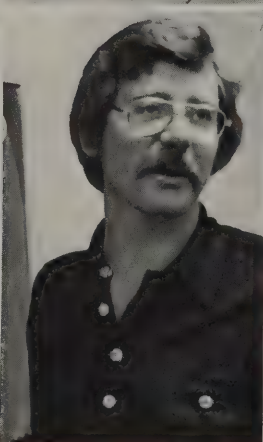


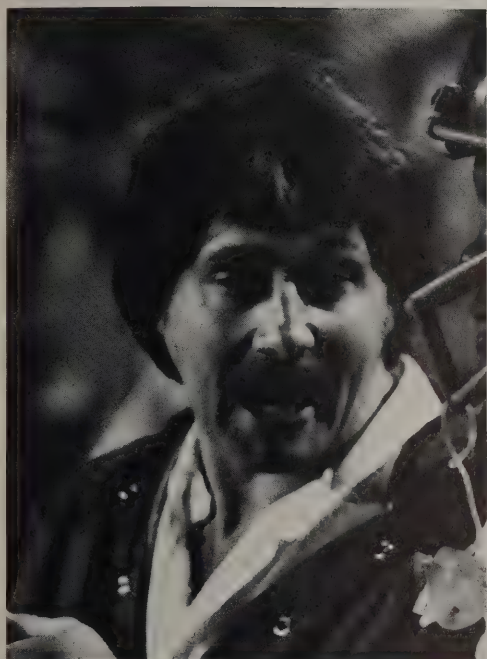
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World Geography

Lester Coonse Jr.
Chemistry

Harriet Cornwell
Geometry

David Craft
U.S. History





Elder joins staff in 13th year

David Elder joined the faculty in the fall of 1979. He taught United States and World History and coached varsity football.

Mr. Elder had been interested in teaching since his junior year in high school. After graduating from Taylorsville High school, he attended Lenoir Rhyne College where he majored in health and physical education.

Finishing at Lenoir Rhyne in 1967, he taught health and physical education for twelve years. Even with this much teaching behind him, he was nervous when his first class walked

into room 368. The feeling soon left him.

"I guess I have a high regard for Hickory High students because of their discipline and courtesy toward the faculty and their school spirit," Mr. Elder said.

Mr. Elder enjoyed teaching but loved sports and coaching. He realized academics should be put before athletics but he felt better helping a person athletically.

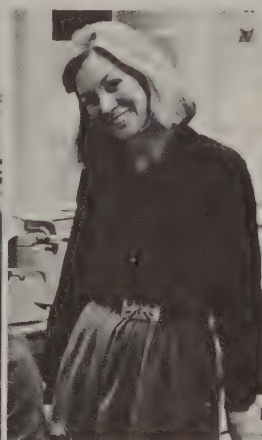
"My contributions were stronger in athletics than they were in academics," he said.



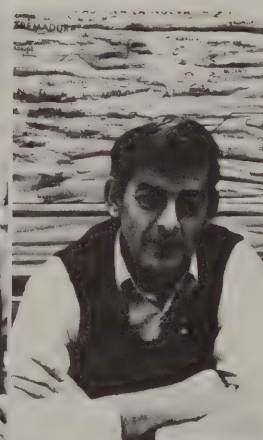
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Auto Mechanics



Eddie Crump
Drivers Education



Susan Dale
Typing



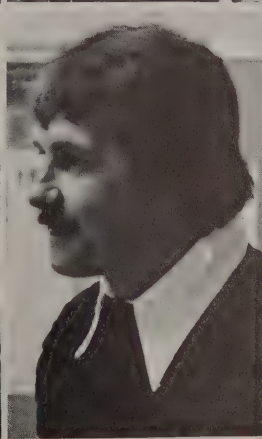
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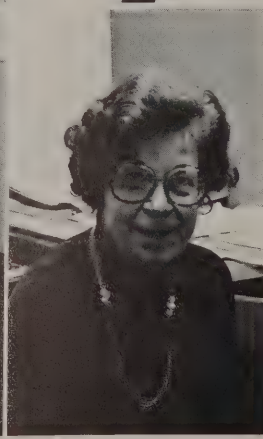
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Publications



James Dellinger
Orchestra



David Elder
World History



Grace Felts
Library

Reba Fisher
Data Processing

Vickie Flowers
Guidance

Cheryl Frye
Geometry



Louise Gadd
Secretary

Martha George
Health Occupations

Lawrence Gibbs
English



Preparing food for hungry students is what these ladies do best. Front row: (from left) Mary Kerr, Nadine Carter, Mabel Kirby, Dorothy Annas, Faye Asherbraner; Back row: (from left) Wanda Reynolds, Bessie Suddreth, Marge Phillips, Jean Helder, Doris Price, Helen Bolick, Irene McBride.

Native New Yorker on faculty

"There comes a time when you have to hang your sneakers up for a little bit and become a teacher," said Steve Morgan, physical education teacher and wrestling coach of Hickory High.

The native New Yorker joined the Hickory faculty in the year 1978.

"I like the weather here," Mr. Morgan said, but that was not his only reason for choosing Hickory High school.

Mr. Morgan has had a long, successful sports life. Since sixth grade he has been active in soccer, baseball and wrestling. He has also had many great coaching years.

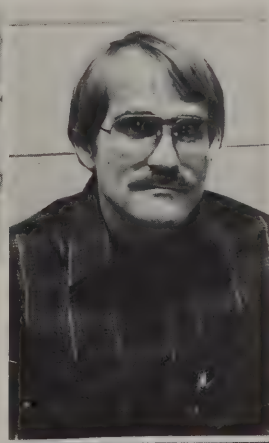
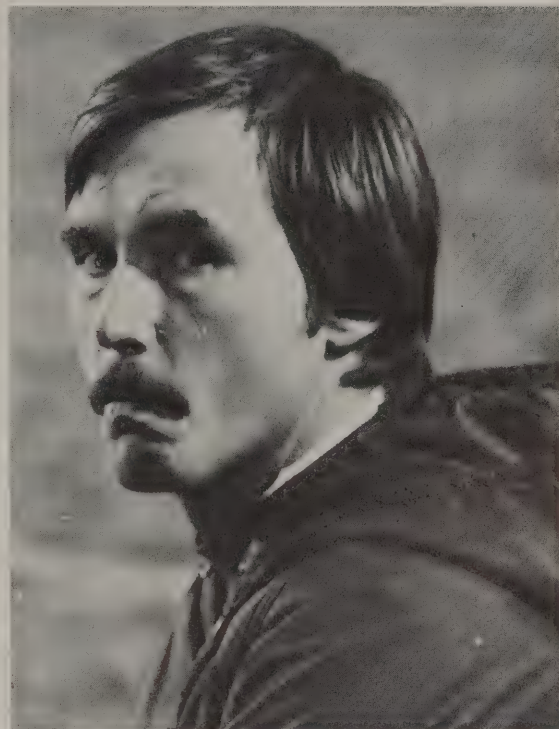
He coached at East Carolina, which he attended after a two year college in New York, where he was named coach of the year five times in eight years. He

was also high school All-American.

Although Mr. Morgan has been successful in sports, he has also had academic achievements. He received his license as a lab technician in New York, but when he transferred to East Carolina University, he changed his major to health and physical education. He thought that through his coaching and teaching, he could help someone along the way.

"Every teacher is a counselor, administrator, and some form of circuit parent for some student. Teaching is a lot of life solving problems," he said.

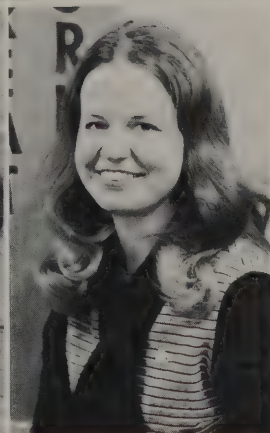
Morgan thought teaching was a greater challenge than sports participation, and said, "I feel that the greatest form of teaching is coaching."



Pat Hackney
Guidance

Florence Hamlin
Librarian

Roger Henry
D.E.



Paulette Lael
Math

Judy Lafone
Special Education

Lois Long
Math

Preaching second choice for Wittenberg

Teacher-coach, Larry Wittenberg said that if he were not a teacher, he would have liked to have been a preacher.

"I love being around and talking to people," said Mr. Wittenberg, who is active in his church.

Mr. Wittenberg's philosophy on teaching was "to relate what you teach to present day happenings." Having taught eighteen years at many schools, he considered Hickory High his home.

Reaching back to earlier days, Mr. Wittenberg talked about the funniest moment in his coaching career.

"When I was at Carolina Military Academy, the team went in before half-time and decided not to come back out for the second half. Not knowing what was going on, I had to refund all of the ticket money to the fans," he said.

With a BA degree from Lenoir Rhyne and a Master's degree from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical College, Mr. Wittenberg taught United States History, Sociology, and World Problems. He not only coached the offensive line on the varsity football team, but also coached the track team.

Since the time when he attended Hickory High school,

Mr. Wittenberg said the system had changed both in academics and sports.

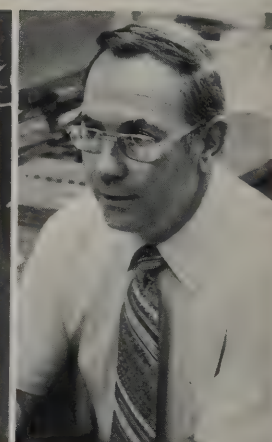
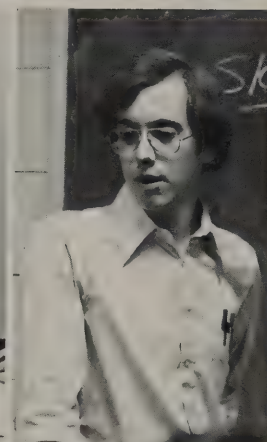
His greatest achievement as a teacher, Mr. Wittenberg said, was seeing his students go to bigger and better things in their future.



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Charles Lutterloh
Biology

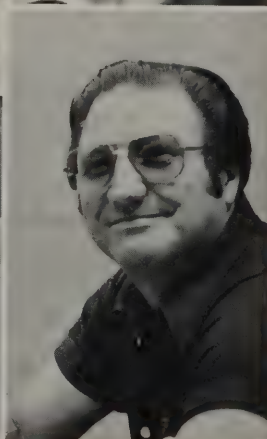
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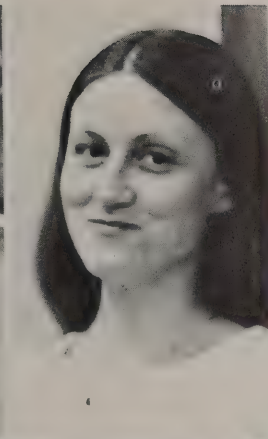


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Roe Milstead
Graphic Arts

Steve Morgan
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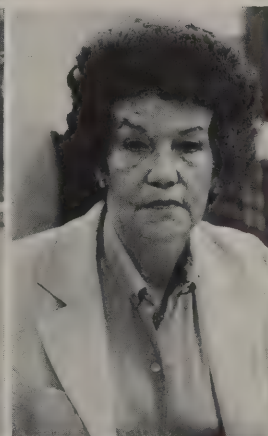




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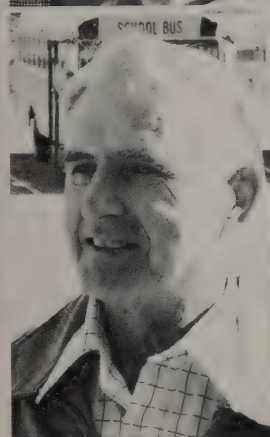
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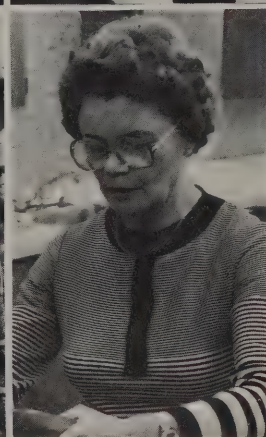
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Special Education



Felix Pollard
Furniture

Ruth Pollard
Child Development

Bill Preble
Music



Hugh Putnam
Physical Science

Helen Ramsey
Homemaking

Violet Ramsour
Accounting

Tom Rankin
Radio/T.V.

Rankin new addition to faculty

Tom Rankin was a 1979 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught radio and television production at Hickory High school.

His students produced radio shows which were aired on radio station WXRC. The first production was a total fiasco according to Mr. Rankin.

"Everything that could have gone wrong did," he said.

Most of Mr. Rankin's classes were fairly small. He preferred to be less formal with smaller classes.

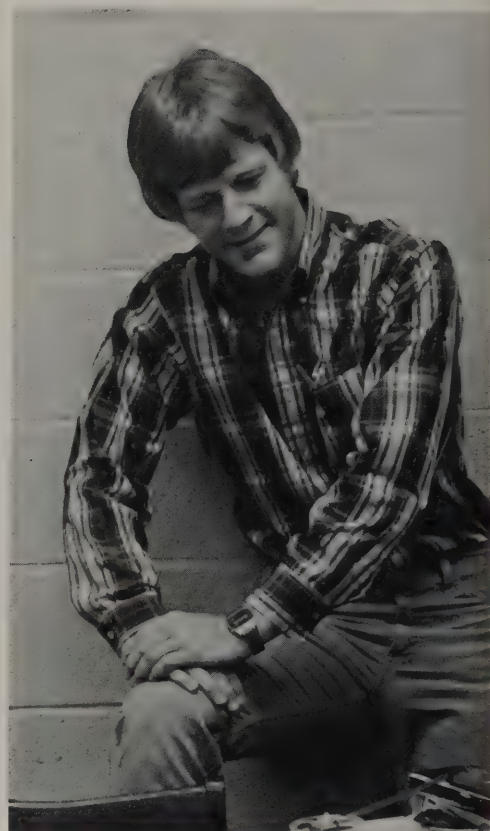
The transition from student to teacher was harder than he expected,

but he soon became adjusted to the teacher's role.

Mr. Rankin's room was located beside the cafeteria. Many students were not aware the classes existed. Those who were aware had misleading ideas about the class.

"Most people do not know what goes on down here. They think we repair radios and televisions," Mr. Rankin said.

In addition to his interests in T.V. and radio, Mr. Rankin also enjoyed photography and sports. He particularly liked helping with outdoor track and cross country.

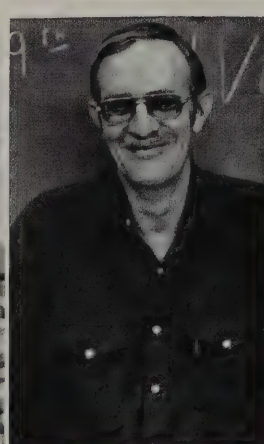


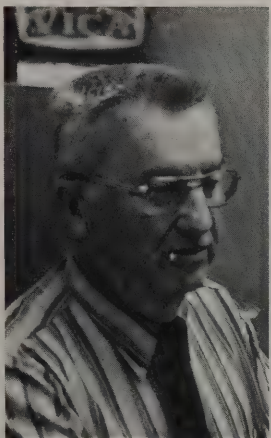
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Secretary

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Vivienne Stafford
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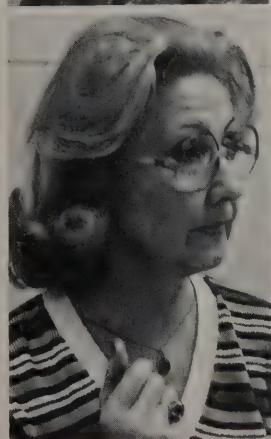


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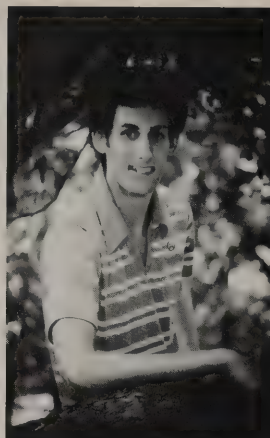
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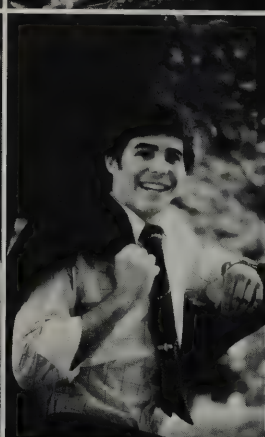
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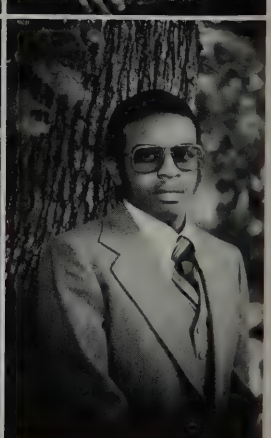
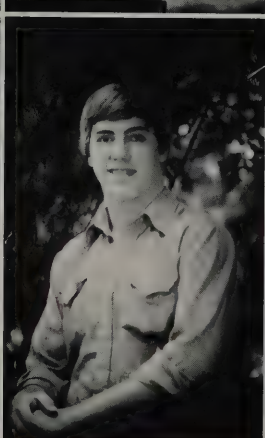
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College begins early for seniors



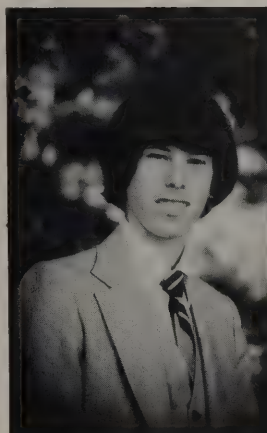
Seniors Beth Hayes, Deane Fuller, and Gary Apple spent a few days each week attending Lenoir-Rhyne College. They took courses in stage-makeup, psychology, and chemistry, respectively. Credits from the courses were counted toward college instead of high school.

Deane, who had taken psychology as a junior, decided against another math or science in high school and went to L.R. for psychology. Gary, who planned a major in chemistry, wanted to take advanced chemistry which

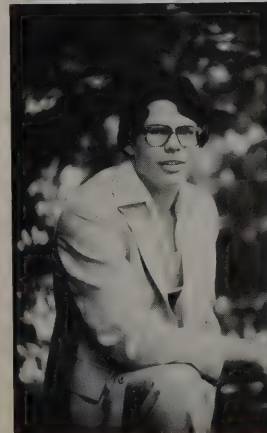
Hickory High did not offer, and Beth's interest in drama led her to choose a course in stage-makeup.

"Labs and research papers were assigned to us and we had to take notes. They don't go slow; you have to keep up," said Gary.

College as a high school senior did not put the students under strain. They felt at ease in their college classes and looked forward to graduation so they could become full-time college students.



Stuart Austin
Valerie Austin
Pete Baer
Rhonda Bailey



Samuel Baker
Jeff Barger
Jennifer Barnette
Mike Baugess

Beth Bean
Elaine Beaver
Rusty Benfield
Richie Blevins



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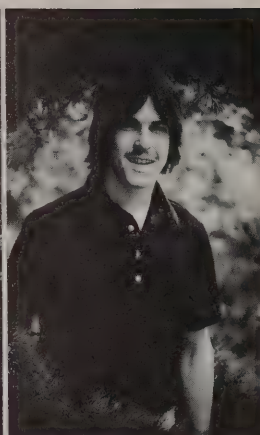


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Richard Boyd



Sandy Boyd
Diane Bradshaw
Amy Braswell
Donna Braswell





Roxanne Brittain
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Amy Bumgarner
Lisa Burke
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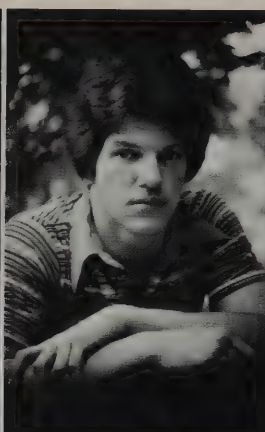


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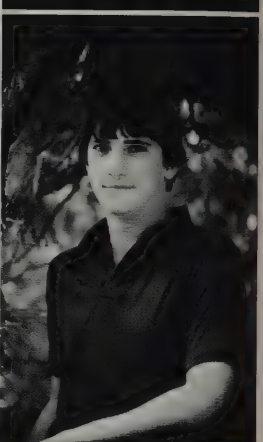


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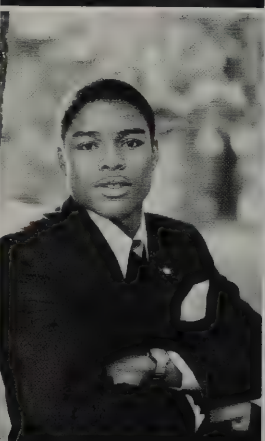
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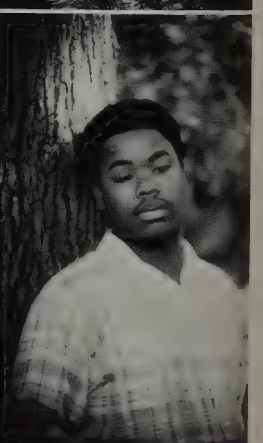
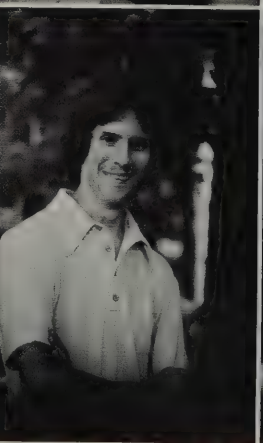
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Felicia Culbreath
Tommy Daily
Steve Davenport
Ashley Deal

Beth Deal
Barbara Deaton
Sarah Deaton
Guy DiSalvo

Students selected as finalists

Seniors Iris Killian and Ken Smith were selected as finalists for the John Motley Moorehead Scholarship. John Nowell was selected as an alternate for the scholarship.

The scholarship was awarded to seniors with good scholastic records and involvement in extracurricular activities.

To be nominated for the scholarship a student went before the County Selection Committee. Interviews were given to Iris and Ken. The questions asked were basically about their school records and their knowledge of current events.

The scholarship required that a student attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Iris planned a major in accounting and Ken planned to major in economics and Political Science.



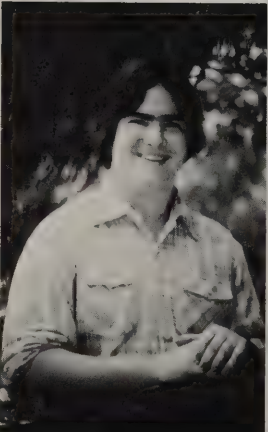
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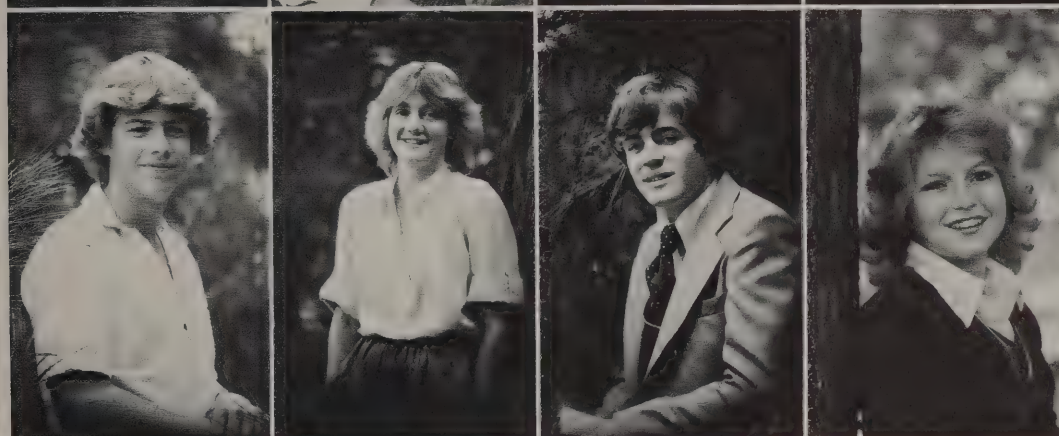


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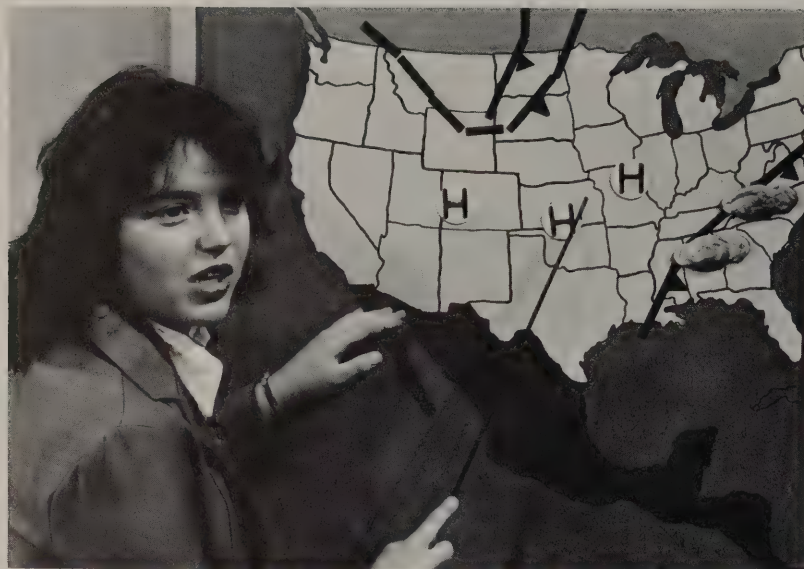


Neal Gorman
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Richard Griffin



Stacey Hagler
Robin Harwell
Meredith Hawkins
Beth Hayes

Long practices in communications



Being a network newscaster was a lifetime goal for senior Carol Long. Television and communications had been a part of her life since the age of fourteen. Her father owned WHKY in Hickory, and Carol worked as a substitute newscaster and also ran a camera, moved sets, and directed in the studio at other times.

"I enjoy working as a newscaster because the show is always live and the news is important and always changing," said Carol, who had decided to study communications at Virginia Intermont where she has already been accepted.

When away from the studio, Carol kept busy as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and played the French horn in the band.

She was on the cross-country team before a leg injury forced her to stop running.

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Brantley Helms
Bobby Herman



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Lance Hewitt

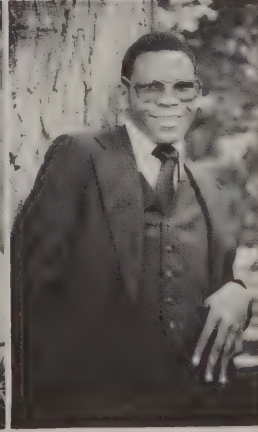
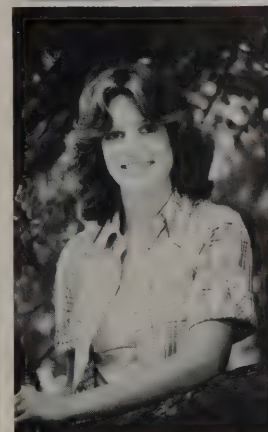




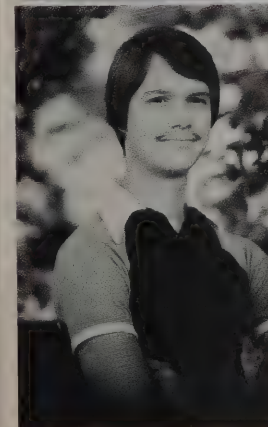
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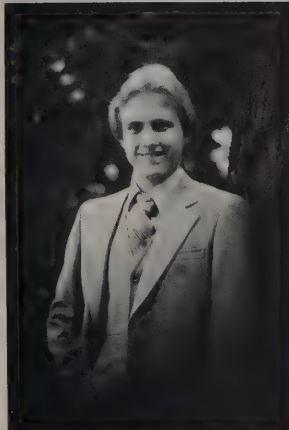


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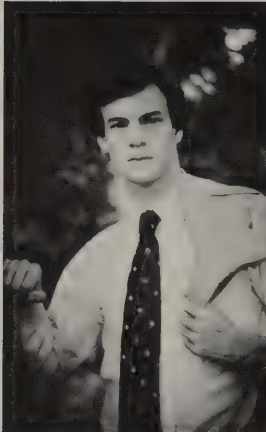


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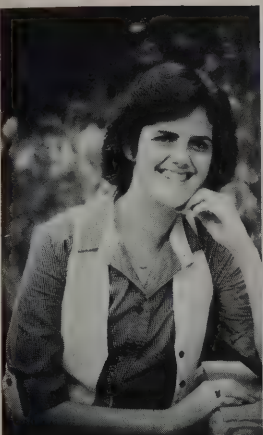


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Ron Miller
Billy Miller

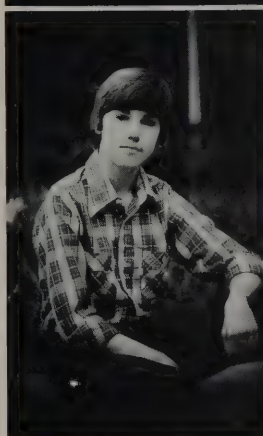




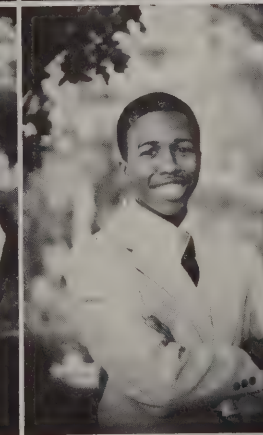
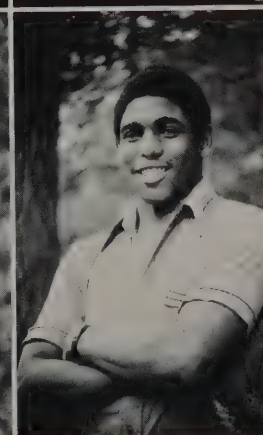
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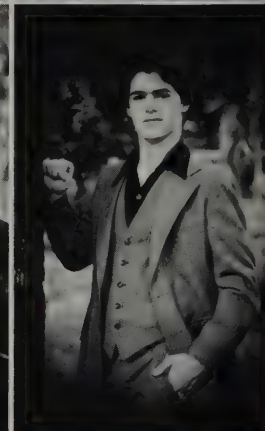
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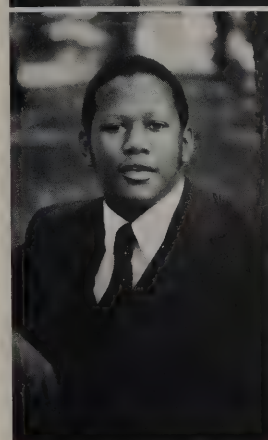


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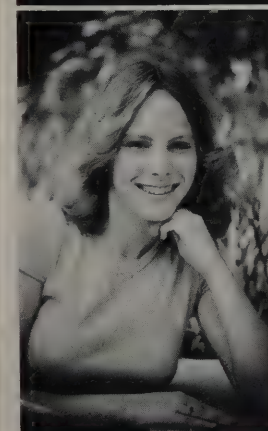
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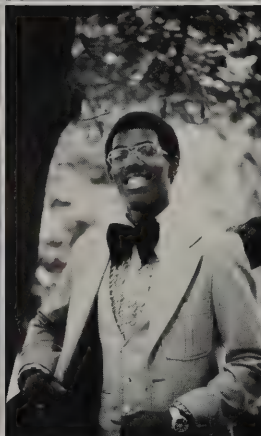
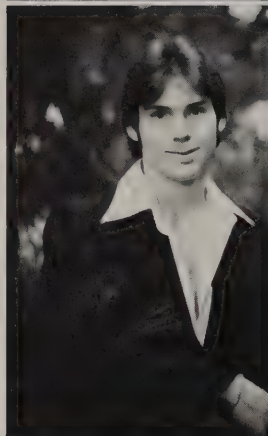


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Melissa Shook
Kevin Shuford
Roger Shuford
Anneliese Simmons



Caroline Simmons
Carla Smith
Debbie Smith
Ken Smith





Mary Beth Smith
Rachel Smith
Susan Smith
Robin Snipes

Peter Spuller
Teresa Srout
Amy Stancil
Lisa Stark

Senioritis, a malady affecting seniors, struck as usual. After carrying heavy academic loads their sophomore and junior years, many seniors registered for the minimum number of class hours. They admitted to a more casual attitude once college acceptances had arrived. Tests and semester exams did not seem so important and they no longer felt obligated to be at school everyday.

A strong feeling that this was their last chance to have fun, participate in high school activities, and have a good time in a carefree manner prevailed.

At the same time seniors were being so light hearted, they were beset by stresses peculiar to them. They had to make college choices, career decisions, fill out applications, worry about SAT scores. And in the midst of it all, as they looked forward to graduation, they felt a sadness for a life they would leave behind and some apprehension about an uncertain future.

Malady strikes seniors

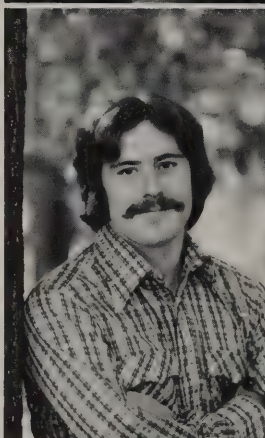
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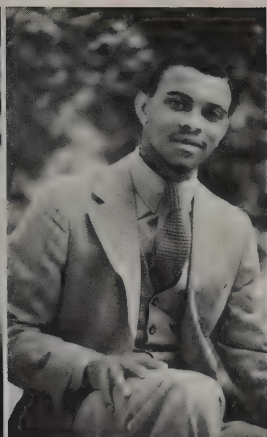


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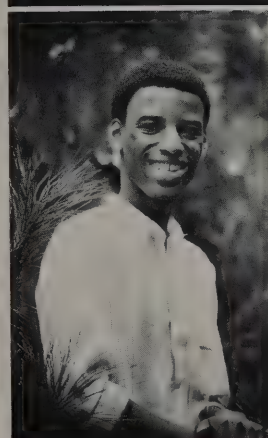


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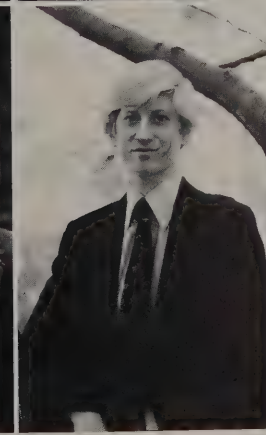
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Scott Waldroup
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Jeff Wallace



Renee Wallace
Greg Warmuth
Bruce Washer
Reid Watts

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Senior Kelly Newton enjoys exploring

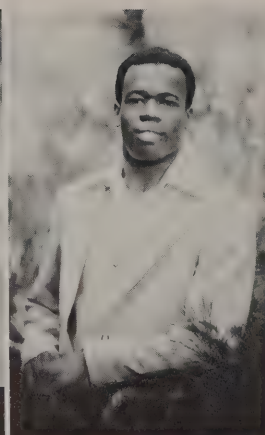


"Exploring was a coed division of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for young adults from fifteen to twenty-one years old. Exploring was a program for youth run by youth," said senior Kelly Newton. Kelly had been an active member in exploring for three years.

In 1978 she was the president of her post. In 1979 she became the youth adviser for the same group. Kelly had been both a member of the Piedmont

Council Explorer Presidents Association and also the Piedmont Council Executive Board.

In the course of her Exploring career, Kelly had won several awards. She won a first place in BSA public speaking contest in the Piedmont council and Area III divisions. Kelly was also named the Piedmont Council Explorer of the year for 1979. These awards and others had proven Kelly Newton to be an outstanding leader.



Nancy Williams
Scott Williams
Johnny Williamson
Donald Wilson



Eric Wilson
Tammy Wingate
Terry Witherspoon
John Wood



Lisa Woodall
Nick Woods
Gina Yoder
Michael Yoder



Karen Younce
Michael Younce

Chuck Abernethy
 Teresa Abernethy
 Greg Ackard
 Robert Adams



Chuck Andrews
 Tim Anthony
 Robert Arney
 Kristi Ashman



Markey Austin
 Meg Austin
 Linda Baker
 Ricky Baker



Sam Ballew
 Billie Barger
 Koni Barnes
 Tony Barnette



Amina Barrios
 Angela Beaver
 Brad Benfield
 Dayle Bentley



Horseriding a full-time hobby

When driving by Lakeview Stables, on Highway 127, one would most likely see Cindy Simmons riding her horses. Cindy was very young when she started riding with older people, and when she was 9-years-old, she began taking lessons. She started riding because of her love for horses.

Cindy's first animal was a brown Quarter horse named Deacon. Deacon's foal, Faith, was part Quarter horse and part Thoroughbred. Cindy plans to make Faith, only two and a half-years old, either a Hunter or a Jumper.

In the area around Hickory, Shelby, Charlotte, and Morganton, Cindy Simmons and Deacon leave their mark in many horse shows. Having two first places, three second places, five fourth places, and four fifth places, Cindy has trained Deacon well.

Riding an average of five days a week, Cindy said it's hard to find time for other interests one of which is crafts.

"I make miniature doll house furniture, plants, rugs, and I help wallpaper. I cook a lot, but I hate housework," said the young equestrian.

Cindy's plans to go to Georgia or Michigan State, taking a major in Veterinary medicine.

"The Equestrian sport has played a large part in my life. I would advise it for anybody who likes animals. I think horses are even more compassionate than dogs and about as loyal as animals come. I like the way that a person can read a horse's thought. When I am up on top of a horse, I can forget about everything. In a sense we become one."



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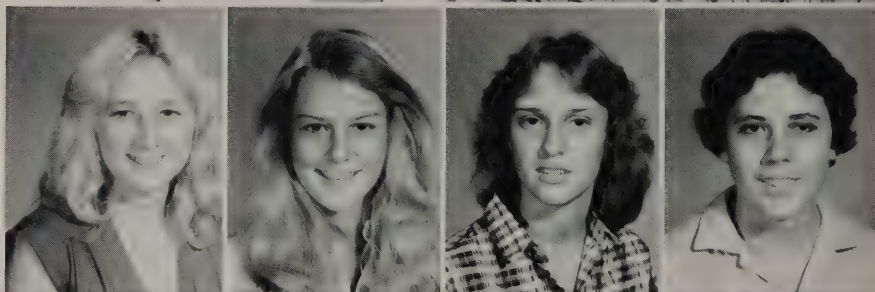
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Bonita Clemmons
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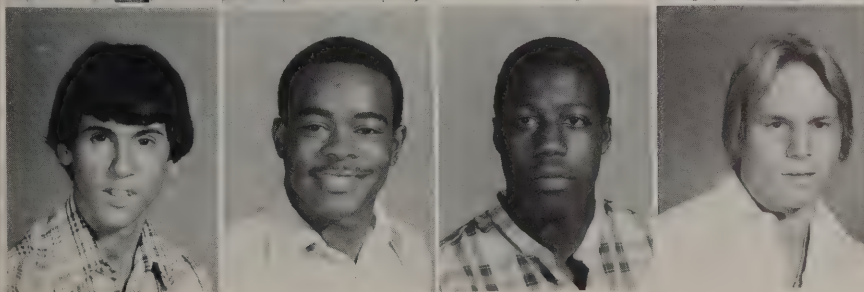
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Jane Deese
Wanda Deitz



Charles Derr
Moira Derwin
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Dereck Dirks



Mike DiSalvo
Robert Dixon
Wally Duke
Jeff Duncan



Junior has future in modeling

"Models are like everyone else. After they finish modeling, they wash all the make-up off and are just like everybody else," said junior model Billie Surrat.

Traveling to New York five times a year, Billie modeled for Gertz department store catalog. The 17-year-old, had been modeling for two years, starting at age 15.

Billie got her start while she was visiting her uncle in New York. Billie's uncle is her agent.

"My uncle is in communications in New York City. When I went into his

office, his boss asked if I had ever modeled. I said no, and that was my start," she said.

Other than modeling, Billie was interested in swimming, photography, basketball, and cooking.

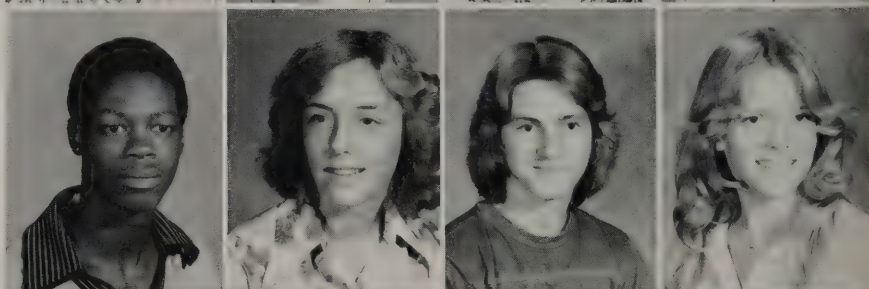
The competition was rough, admitted Billie, but the travel and the easy money made up for the rest.

Her advice to those interested in modeling was "watch what you eat." Billie's future plans include a career in communications, a family, and maybe a part-time modeling job.

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Mike Enderson
Greg Fife
David Fogarty



Darryl Foust
Cindy Fox
Jeff Fox
Michele Francois



Kevin Freeman
Cindy Frye
David Frye
Scott Frye





Andy Fullwood
Mark Galloway
Cam Gardner
Rebecca Garrison



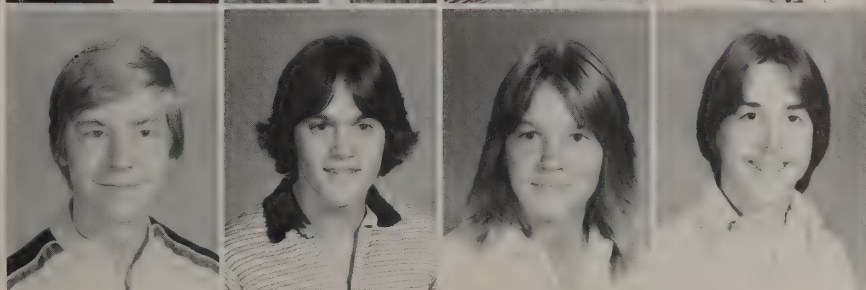
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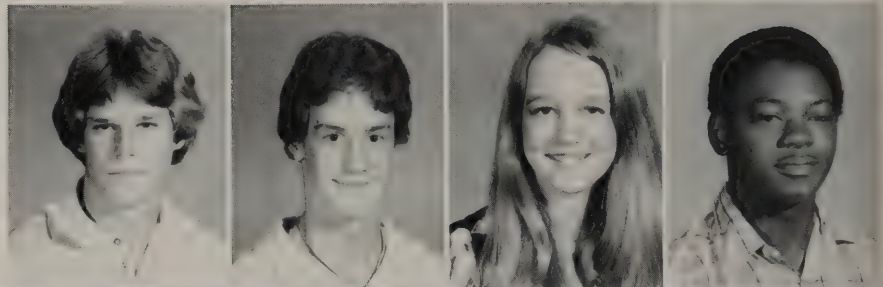


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Rodney Hines
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Vivian Hoke
Karen Hollar
Dee Dee Holloway
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Kim Homes
Loretta Hoover
Tammy Howell
Danny Huffman



Barry Huggins
Mark Huggins
Mitch Hungerpillar
Tonya Hyatt





Angie Icenhour
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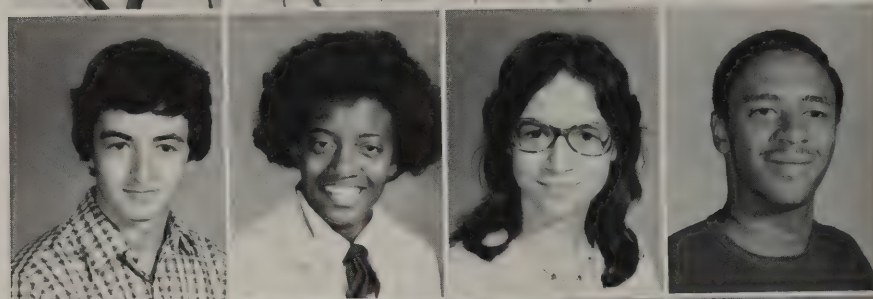


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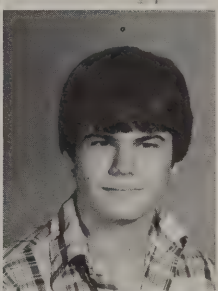
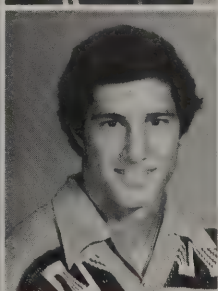
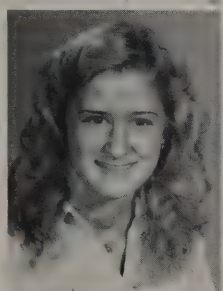
Miller sacrifices to bowl with best

Getting up at 9 a.m. each Saturday morning to go to Colonial Lanes was the price to pay to be number one. The Hickory Junior League Bowling team, AC/DC, won the league title last year.

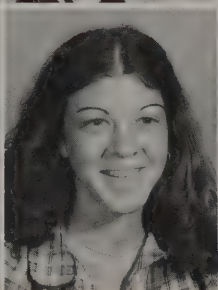
Robin Miller, along with teammates Eric Gentry, Joe Julian, and Mark Richards, bowled for thirty weeks last winter hoping to finish in first place, which they did. Robin averaged a 154 and his personal best was 214. The high point of his career came last year when he teamed up with Joe Julian to place third in the state tournament.



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Lee Maddox
Tim Martin
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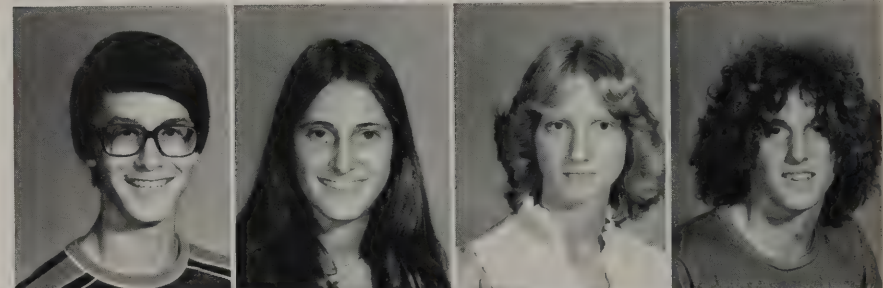
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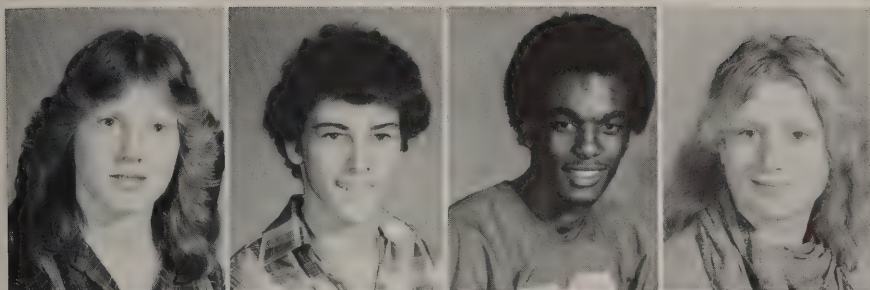


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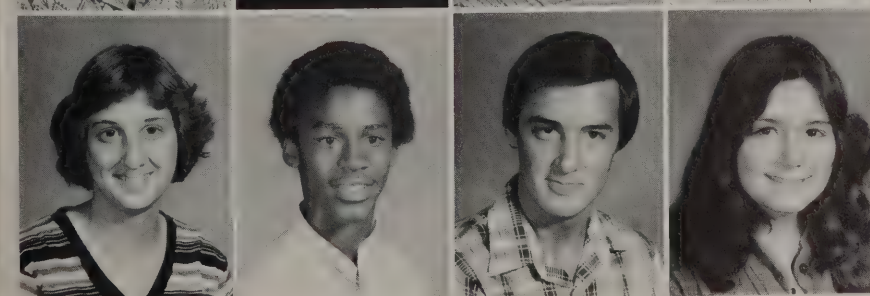
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Danny Plants
Brian Poovey



Pam Poovey
Marcus Pope
Woody Poteat
Ginger Prater

Padgett notes change

Susan Padgett was born in Frankfurt, West-Germany. Since moving to Hickory in March 27, 1979, she had noticed many differences between Germany and the United States.

"The schools are farther advanced in Germany than in the United States," said Susan. "You go thirteen years to school, including college. Right after high school, or Gymnasium in Germany, one goes to the University.

"We usually attended school six days a week, taking fifteen subjects in that time. We did not have the same classes every day. You couldn't choose your classes, in Germany, you took what they gave you."

For four hours a week the courses consisted of German, English, mathematics, and one chosen language, either Latin, French, or Russian. Sports, chemistry or physics, art or music, geography or history, took up two or three hours a week. The grades depended on oral work, written work, and homework. The students in Germany did not change their classes after every period. The teacher went to them.

Jazz and disco-dancing, snow and water skiing, track, swimming, volleyball, soccer, and motorcycles were a few of Susan's hobbies.

In her junior year she tried her hand in wrestling.

"I was interested in wrestling, so I asked Mr. Morgan if I could give it a try. I liked it very much, but the next day he told me that I was not allowed to wrestle because I could get hurt. I would like to prove that boys are not always better than girls."

Susan wanted to return to Germany to see her old friends and attend college, unless she became interested in schools in Illinois or Texas for dancing as she planned to become a Jazz choreographer.



Robin Preddy
Angela Propst
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Michelle Raby



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Mark Richards



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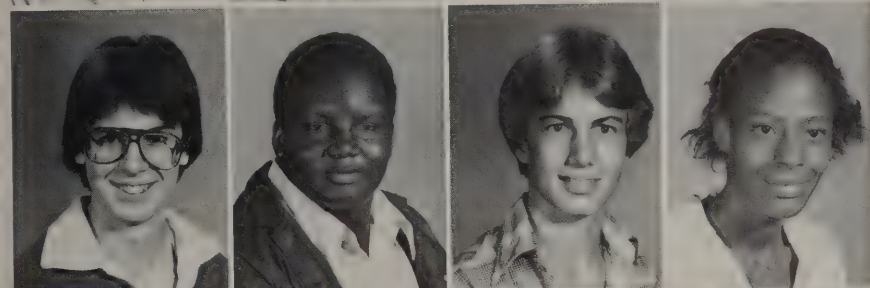




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Rose Scott



Jan Seabock
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Julie Settlemyre
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David Shepherd
Priscilla Sherrill
Scott Sherrill
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Jimmy Shores
Brian Siemering
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Jimmy Sigmon
Chris Simmons
Cindy Simmons
Jeff L. Smith



Jeff S. Smith
William Smith
David Snooks
Denise Snow



Steven Spencer
Donna Stafford
Mary Starnes
Jeff Stephens



Gary Stevenson
Katie Stinson
Letitia Stinson
Lisa Stirewalt



Fullwood dabbles in art

Andy Fullwood had been drawing since he was four years old. He calls his style of drawing abstract realism, saying that in his mind he had an abstract idea but painted it in a realistic way to convey the full meaning of the idea.

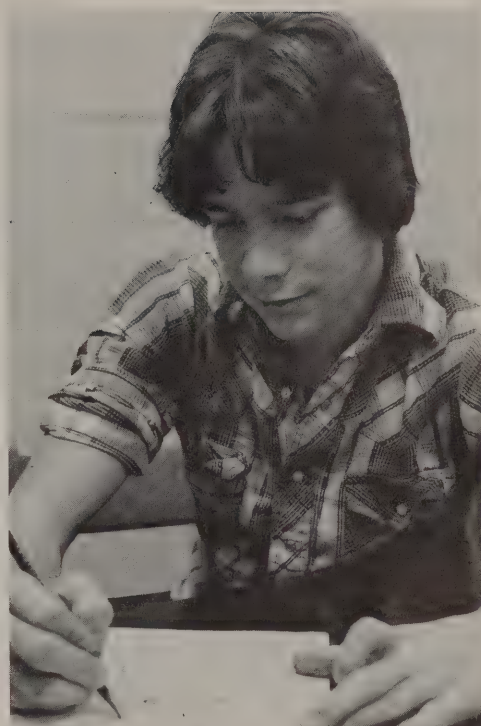
Andy had won more than fifty ribbons and awards for his work and had sold several pictures ranging from \$10 to \$35.

"I believe Leonardo de Vinci is my favorite artist, for he was an absolute

genius with art. I am also very impressed with the realness of Norman Rockwell's various pictures," said Andy.

As artist for the yearbook, Andy worked with the editors to create the character, Mr. Cycle. He drew the figures for the cover and for the division pages.

Andy had planned to be a surgeon when he was older, but because of his inborn and natural talent and his love for art, he may become an artist.



Gray Styers
Billie Surratt
Stevie Surratt
Joan Sweezy

Jerry Teague
Sonya Teague
Dallas Tester
Joy Thomas

Reggie Thomas
Lisa Thompson
Stacey Thompson
Danny Tillman

Dirks finishes 6th in the U.S.

At the age of seven, Derek Dirks, began playing soccer in Las Vegas, Nevada. While there, he won several ribbons in skills tests, as well as going to the state championships.

Two years later, he moved to Hickory, where soccer was just being introduced. While playing for the Hickory Recreation department soccer league, he learned about a soccer skills test in Hickory much like football's "Punt, Pass, and Kick."

He first entered the area competition with people from Hickory, Valdese, Lenoir, and Morganton. After winning the area competition, he went to the Southeastern regionals in Atlanta,

Georgia and won it.

Derek and ten other finalists went to the National Finals in Newark, New Jersey where they were also given free tickets to see the World Cup Soccer Bowl '79 by Coca Cola bottlers.

The finalists competed in five skills including juggling the ball with one foot, juggling the ball with two feet, heading the ball with your head, moving and then shooting on the goal, and the accuracy of shots.

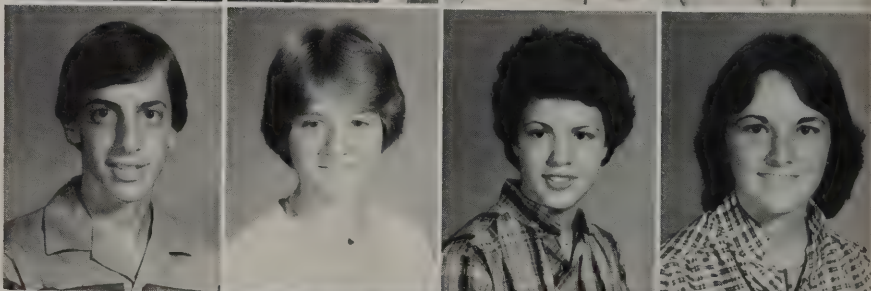
On the final day of competition, at the banquet, it was announced that Derek finished sixth in the United States.



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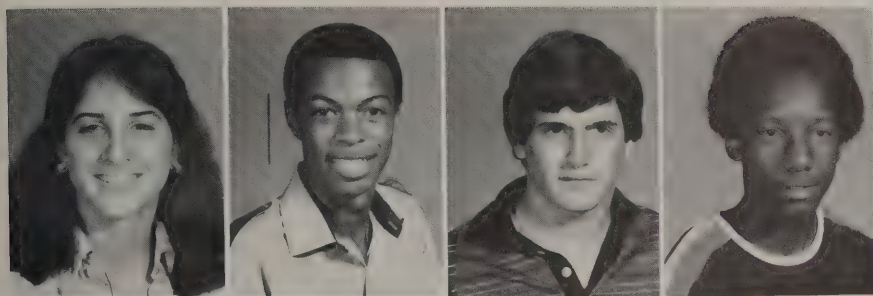


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Duran Williams



Eddie Williams
Gina Willimas
Jay Williams
Linda Williams



Mary Williams
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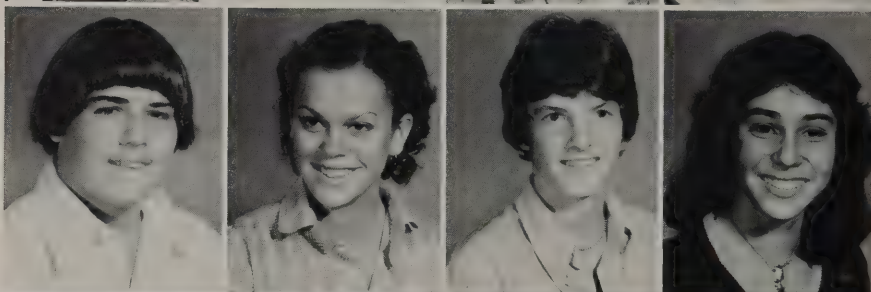
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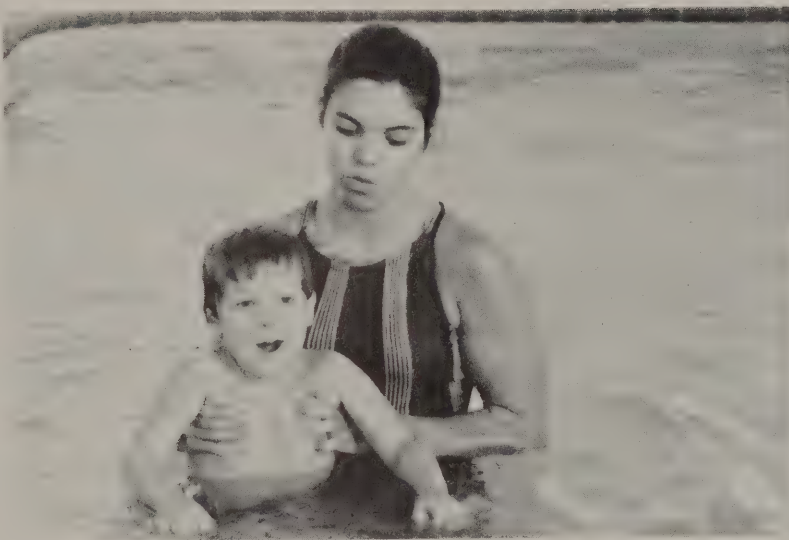


Sophomores teach swimming

"I love kids, and it's fun teaching them something I like to do," said sophomore Leslie Ochs. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school, she and sophomore Mary Glenn Little went to the Hickory Foundation Center and taught four to six-year-olds the techniques of swimming. These lessons were conducted November through March for one hour each day.

Mary Glenn had been teaching for one year, Leslie for two. Both girls agreed that it was fun, but they had to have a lot of patience in working with the young swimmers.

The children took lessons for a year or more, depending on their capability. Then they joined the Hickory City Swim team and continued to swim on a competitive level.



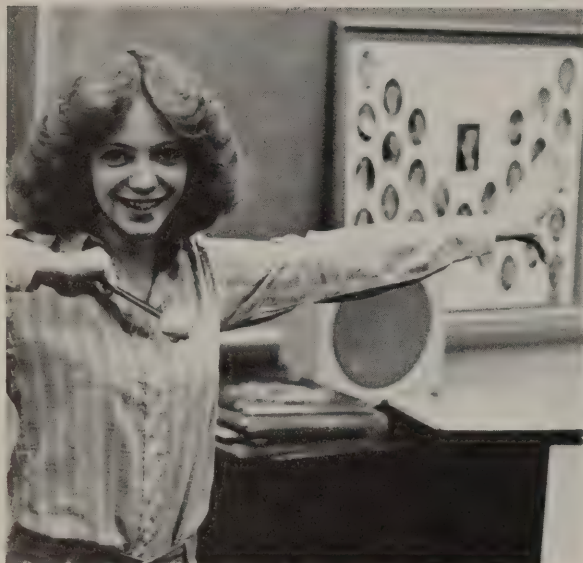
One of the first things that swimming teacher Leslie Ochs must do is familiarize her young students with the water.



Janet Bollinger
Tonya Bolton
Jill Bowman
Mark Bowman

Michael Bowman
Suzanne Boyd
George Boyles
Gail Brindell

Carlton Brown
Nancy Brunt
Doug Bryant
Floyd Bumgarner



One of the most important aspects of being a baton twirler is the daily practice that sophomore Robin Oxendine does.

Baton routines a way of life

Doing a routine with swords or a baton tipped with fire before bleachers filled with people may have seemed dangerous to many but not to sophomore Robin Oxendine. She began doing intricate baton routines six years ago at age ten.

Attending clinics in places like Atlanta and participating in more than one hundred contests was another part of the twirler's life. Taking lessons from her sister Kathy, Gail Kale and then Susan Webb, Robin practiced daily to perfect her technique.

During performances Robin said, "I thought about my concentration on

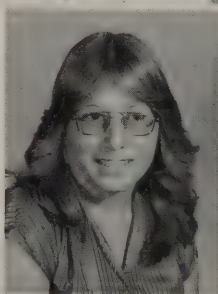
hands, feet, and smile. That was the biggest part but I worried a lot at the same time."

Robin had six different types of batons. The fire baton was often used at football games. Glow and flashlight batons were used on a darkened stage in competitions and the hoop baton and swords were used as the showy part of a routine. Then there were the ever present rubber tipped batons that everyone was familiar with. Robin had won more than fifty awards for her talent, including being one of Hickory High schools four majorettes.

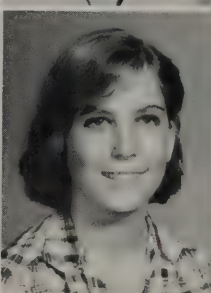
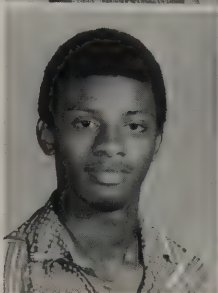
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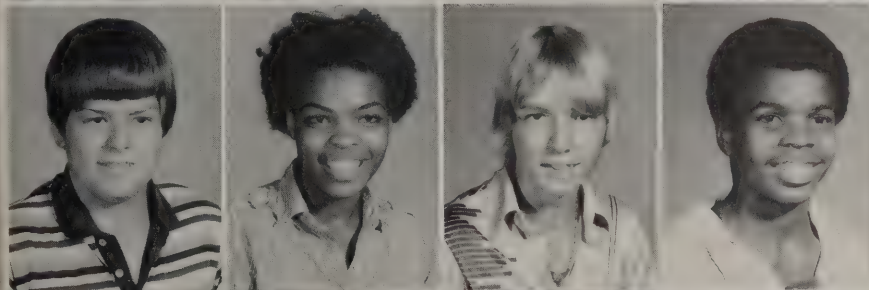




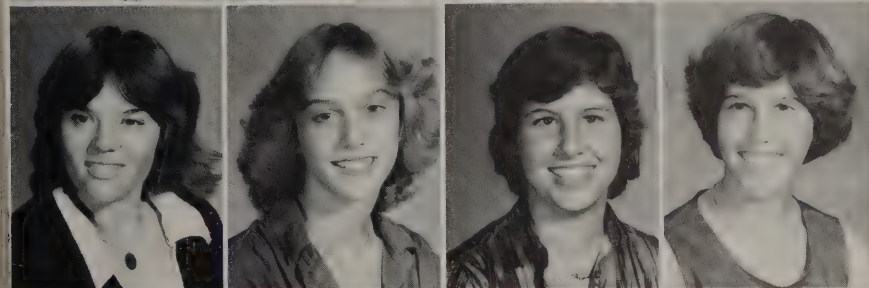
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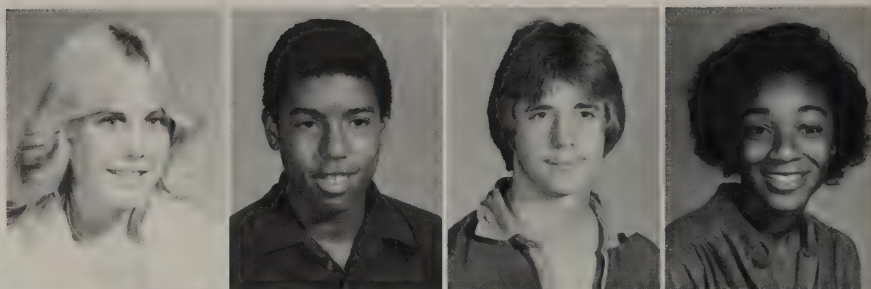


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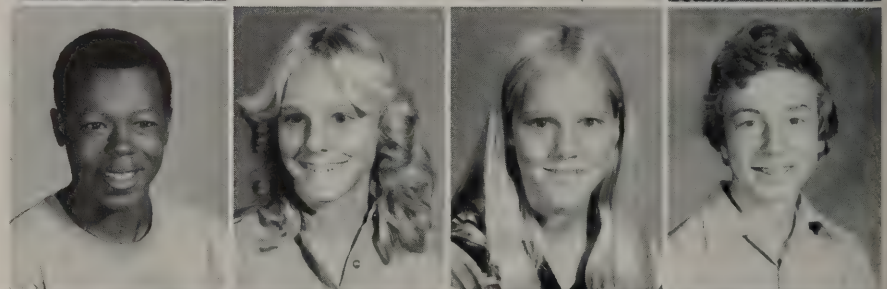
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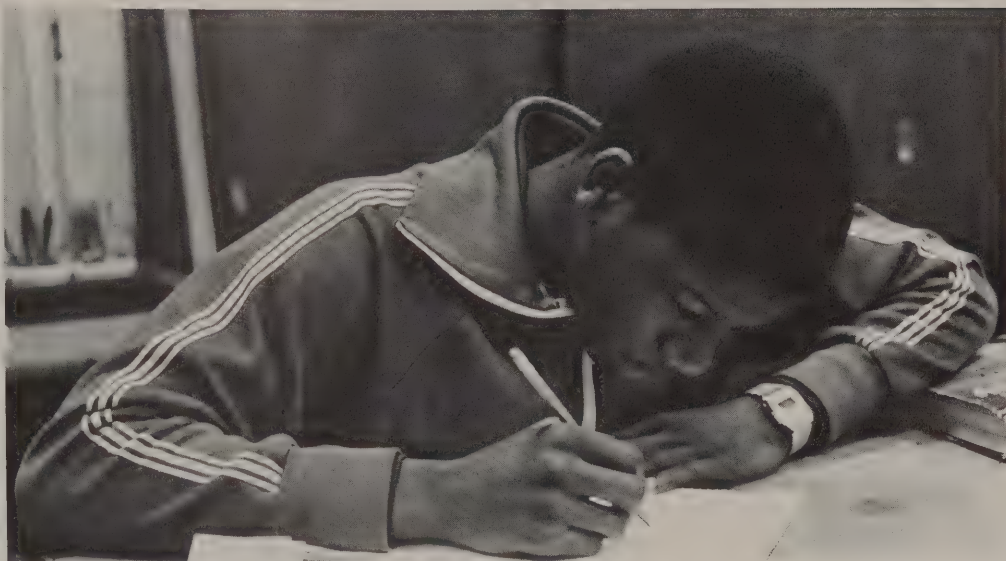
Student Council rewarding experience

Sophomore Abraham Wright was one of the eight sophomores selected as a member of the Hickory High Student Council. He was also a member of the football and basketball teams.

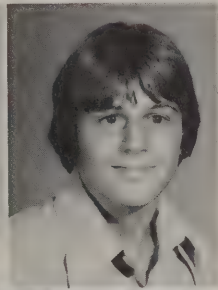
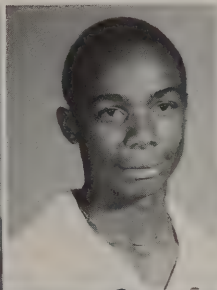
"Being on the Student Council was a lot of hard work," Abraham said.

Student Council members worked on many activities during the year. Some of these were: a retreat, Valentine carnation sales, canned food drive, school dances, a movie for the student body, and others. Members also worked on preparation for the annual Homecoming festivities.

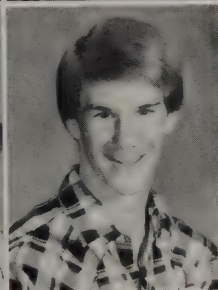
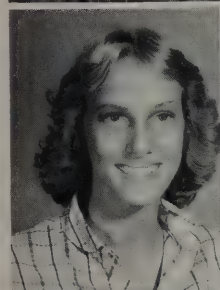
Abraham thought that student council helped him discover what he could really accomplish.



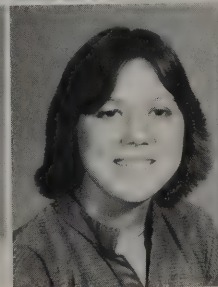
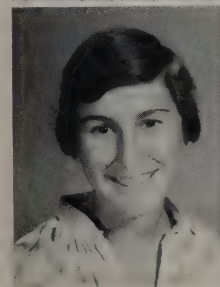
Past work on Student Council has been an accomplishment for sophomore Abraham Wright.



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Carl Howard
Clifton Hoyle
Wayne Huffman

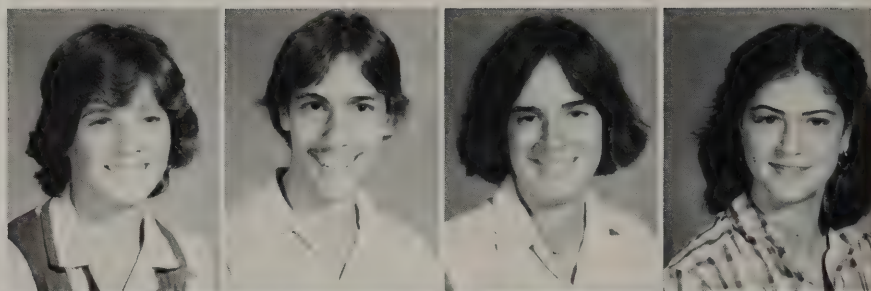


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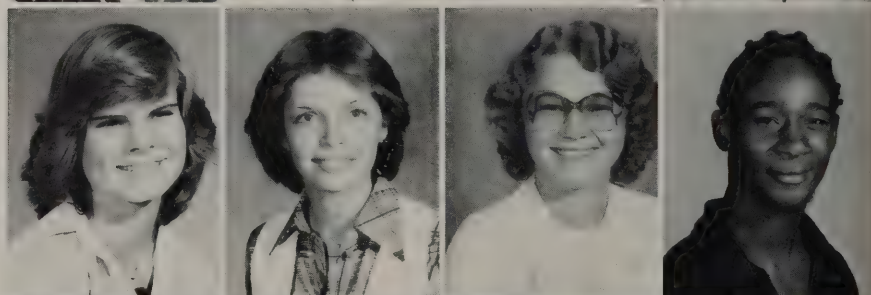
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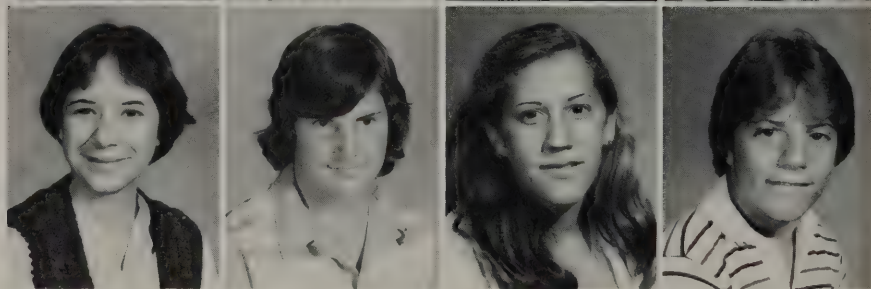
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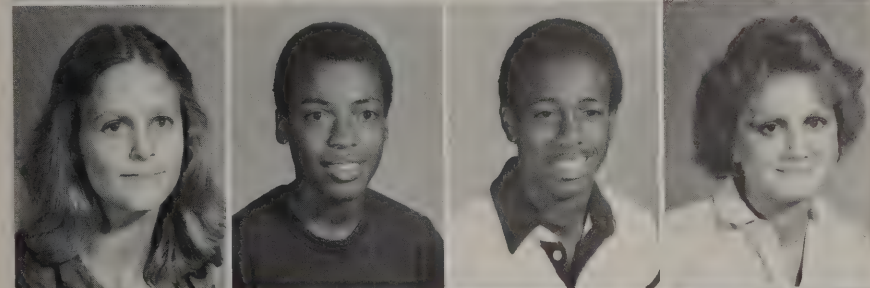




Marie Lewis
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Shelley Lineberger
Glenn Little



Mary Glenn Little
Richard Little
Karen London
Brian Long



Lisa Lundy
Brian Lutz
Charles Mackey
Laurie MacKinnon



Jonathan Mansberger
Brenda Marshburn
Elizabeth Martin
Michael Martin



Marshall Mauney
Lee Maynor
Frank Mays
Trena McCarson

Dancer attends School of the Arts



Just before a rehearsal sophomore Stacey Pittman dressed in the traditional leotard poses in the arabesque dancing position.

For twelve years out of her fifteen, Stacey Pittman had made dancing her lifestyle. Stacey usually practiced four hours a week at the Ann Freeman Dance Academy, taking jazz, tap, and ballet. Ballet was her favorite of the three.

Stacey got an early start, beginning when she was only three.

"My mother got me started early because when she was young, she wanted to dance. She never got to do so, and she thought it would be good for me," she said.

Stacey's talent was rewarded with two first place trophies, and one second place in competition. For the past

three or four years, with other dancers in the school, she entered the Carolina Dance Master Contest, traveling to New York, Atlantic City, and Washington, D.C.

"In the Dance Masters of America, we haven't been fortunate to place, but we got to travel and have valuable experience," she said.

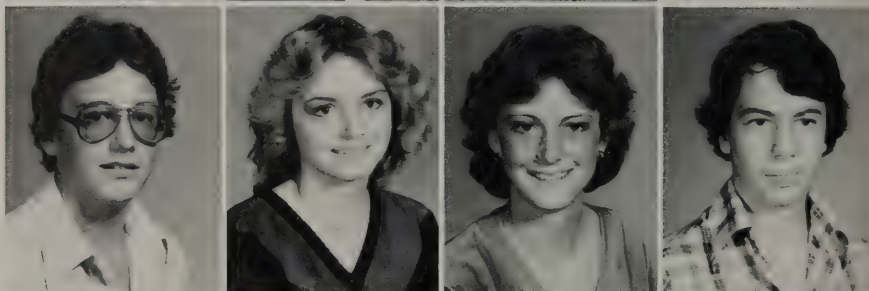
Stacey entered the Tri-State contest in Spartanburg, S.C. in March, 1980. She won first place over all in other competition.

Stacey went to the North Carolina School of the Arts in the summer of 1979 to study dancing. She hoped to return for a full year at a later time.

Melvin McCathern
Darah McCoy
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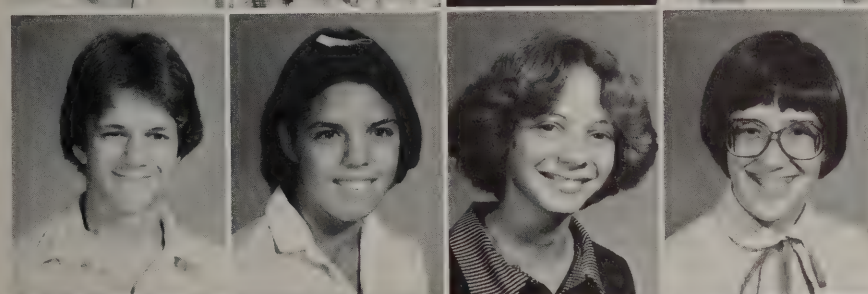
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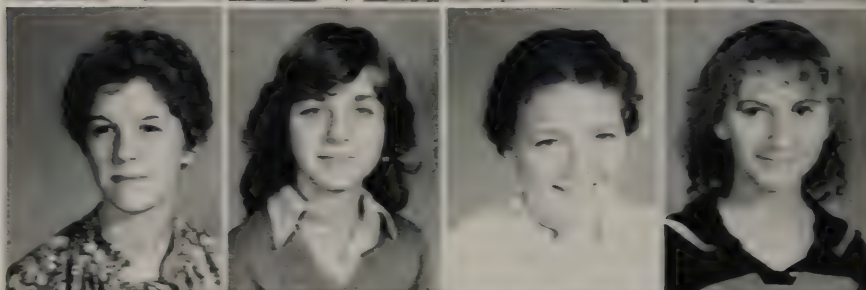
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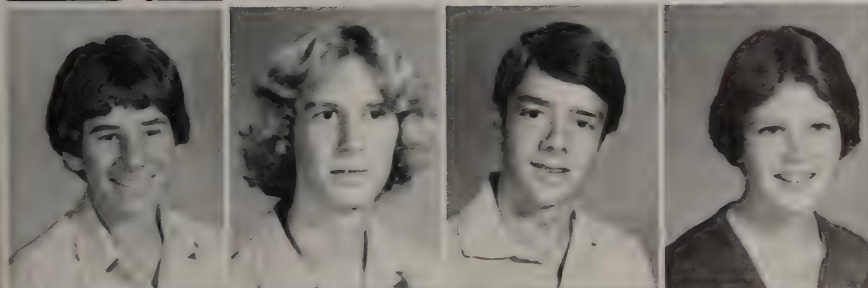
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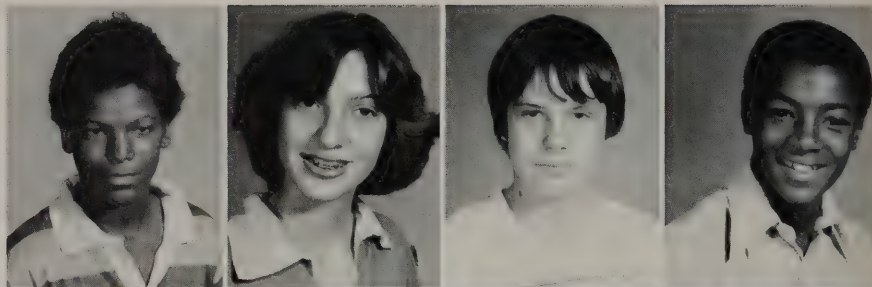


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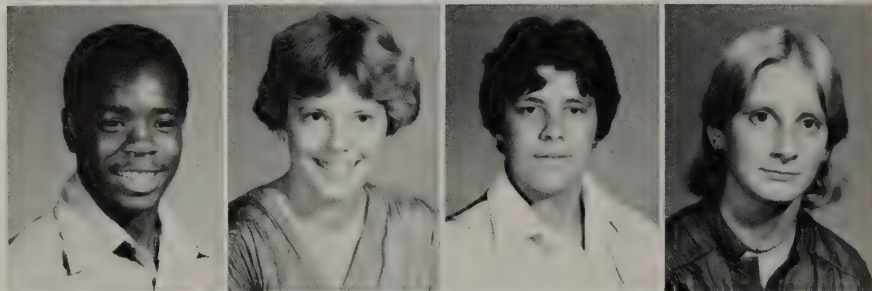


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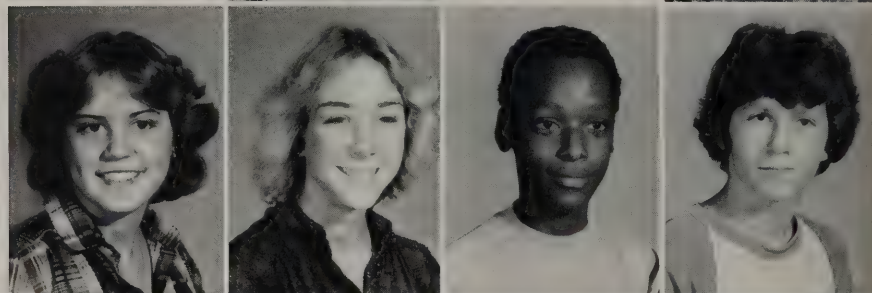
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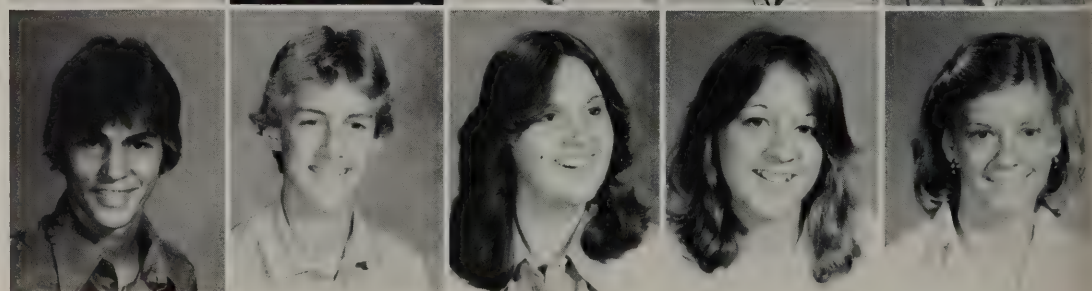
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Jill Summitt
Eva Sweezy
Jody Tanner



Wrestler finishes 17-0-1

A sure winner in future years for Hickory High wrestling is sophomore Lee Reitzel. His 17-0-1 record was the best of Hickory's entire squad. This brought his three year record to 34-5-1.

Starting at St. Stephens in eighth grade, he finished the year with a 10-0 record. Last year, he broke his arm after only four matches and wound up with a 2-2 record. Starting at 126 pound weight class in 1979, he finished with a good chance to win the conference tournament and the state sectionals tournament. He finished fourth out of eight in the conference tournament, but second out of sixteen in the state sectionals.

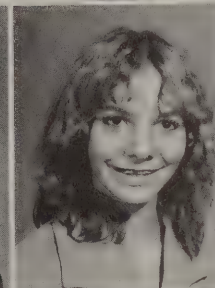
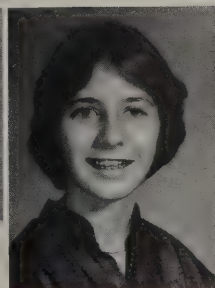
Lee is serious about wrestling as is evidenced by his planning to continue wrestling through high school and college.



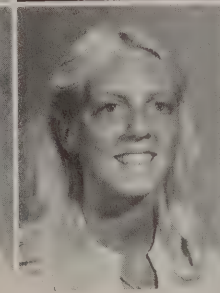
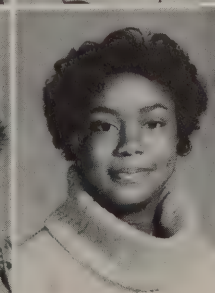
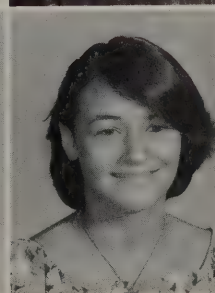
Grimacing with anticipation sophomore Lee Reitzel attempts a pin during one of the matches.



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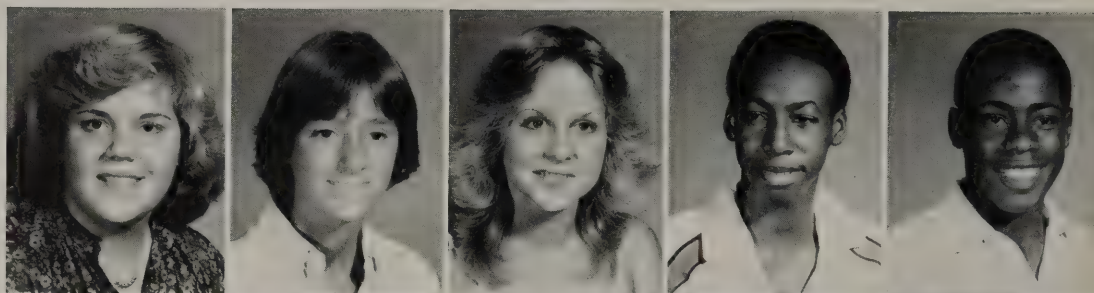


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 Lydia Yost
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COMMUNITY



The transformation of downtown Hickory into a shopping mall attracts shoppers.

February's snow glitters on trees and roads.



"I've spent all my money," said Mr. Cycle looking quite pleased with himself as he struggled to balance packages, bicycle, and himself.

Hickory continued to move up and out as business buildings were constructed and new housing areas opened.

During the day, streets and parking lots were filled with cars as were the lots at the shopping malls. Night time brought out those seeking entertainment at the movies, theatres, restaurants, bars and discotheques. After school students flowed into the community as they went to jobs, did volunteer work, studied in the library or met friends at the community centers.

The beauty of Hickory lay in its tree-lined streets which swirled with color in the autumn, blossomed in the spring, and glittered with snow in the winter. But the thriving businesses, large and small were Hickory's heart, providing jobs for the 35,000 area residents and making the city prosperous.



Hickory holds a variety of arts

The arts in Hickory include theatre and music. Hickory has a community theatre and a youth theatre. The Western Piedmont Symphony is based in Hickory.

Ms. Sylvia Hoffmire is the head of the Hickory Youth Theatre. The youth theatre has put on productions such as "Rumpelstiltskin," "The Just-So Stories," and "The Ransom Red Chief." Ms. Hoffmire casts the characters true to age. There are open try-outs. Ms. Hoffmire teaches children from the ages of 6 to 18.

"I enjoy my work," says Ms. Hoffmire. "If I come to class tired, the kids lift my spirits."

She also says that the kids are full of

creativity and energy.

The Western Piedmont Symphony is headed by Martin Bellar. The orchestra includes strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. There are about 64 players. Most of the concerts are held at Lenior Rhyne College's P.E. Monroe Auditorium. The general public is invited to all the concerts. It is cheaper to buy a season ticket. Tickets are sold at the door, but they are more expensive.

The orchestra plays classical, light, or pop concerts. It depends on the occasion. Mr. Bellar says, "The symphony gives area talent a chance to perform, since they may not be able to perform anywhere else."

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Arts cont . . .

There is also a Hickory Youth Orchestra. It was formed about seven years ago.

The Hickory Community Theatre is 31 years old. Mr. Charles Jeffers, the head of the theatre, says that this season will be expanded. They plan to put on "Dracula," "To the Young, Gifted, and Black," "How the Other Half Loves," and the musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

A touring company called the Repertory Company from the School of the Arts will perform a play for the theatre also.

Most of the theatre's performers are from the Hickory area. Tryouts for a role are open to the public. Mr. Jeffers says, "Anyone who has the nerve, can come read for us."



As part of his training for teaching drama, Hal Rowe drama student at Lenoir Rhyne college works with the children in the second grade at Oakwood Elementary school as a student teacher with Ms. Sylvia Hoffmire.

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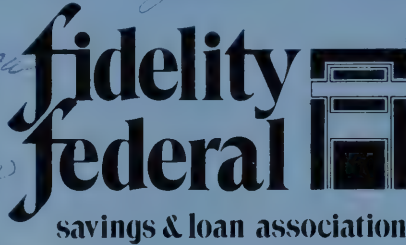
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Morganton — Taylorsville

April,

you are such a different person from anyone
I've ever met. Thank you for listening to all my
gripes and problems this year. It has really meant
a lot to me to know that someone out
there understands. I hope that if you
ever need someone to talk to, even after
graduation, that you will either come
by my house or call me, because I worry about you
all the time. Of course, I'm not trying to sound
like a "mother hen." I hope that what
ever you are looking for in life comes your
way. May God bless you and watch over
always. Please remember, April, ~~he~~ is the best
listener you will ever know.



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January,
 "I think therefore I was."
 Snow draws students to "Loop Hill" *G.B.*
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With the fall of the first heavy snow, the intersection of 25th Avenue N.W. and 25th Avenue Circle N.W., commonly known as "Loop Hill", is transformed into a winter convention center. Students from Hickory High and Lenior-Rhyne college and non-students, alike, meet at the hill to drink, talk, and sometimes even sled.

Before dusk, cars and jeeps start to park at the top of the hill, cutting it off from the main road. As more people arrive and the night gets colder, a bonfire is usually built on the street from wood scraps and, in last year's case, a local stop sign. Once or twice, during the night, a patrol car from the Hickory Police Department drives by the crowd and leaves, barraged by snowballs.

Sledding on "Loop Hill" at night is often as dangerous as it is exciting. Two years ago, a student from Lenior-Rhyne suffered a concussion, sledding down the hill on a cafeteria tray.

Snow on the hill melts during the day and refreezes as ice at night, making "Loop Hill" more and more dangerous to sledders. Because of the build-up of ice, Road Maintenance crews spread salt on the road three or four days after snowfalls.

Due to the opening of a new road in the 25th Avenue N.W. area, "Loop Hill" will be more popular than last year. "Loop Hill" has become a tradition in Hickory and will remain a winter gathering place for sometime to come.

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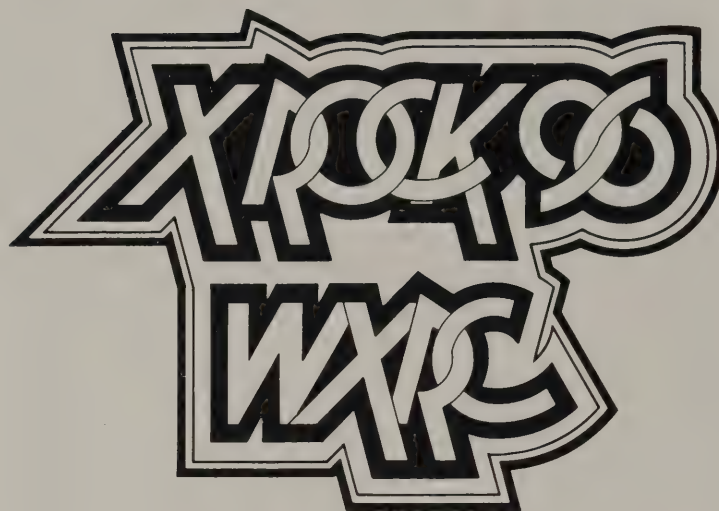
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Whistle Stop, better known as Joe Bear's Rathskeller is situated in the downtown section of Hickory, is owned and operated by Bob Aiken.

"The kids that frequent Joe Bear's are usually between 16 and 20 years of age," Bob said. "I don't use the I.D. system anymore because I felt if it is open to the public, I can't keep people out, although I only sell beer to people 18 or older."

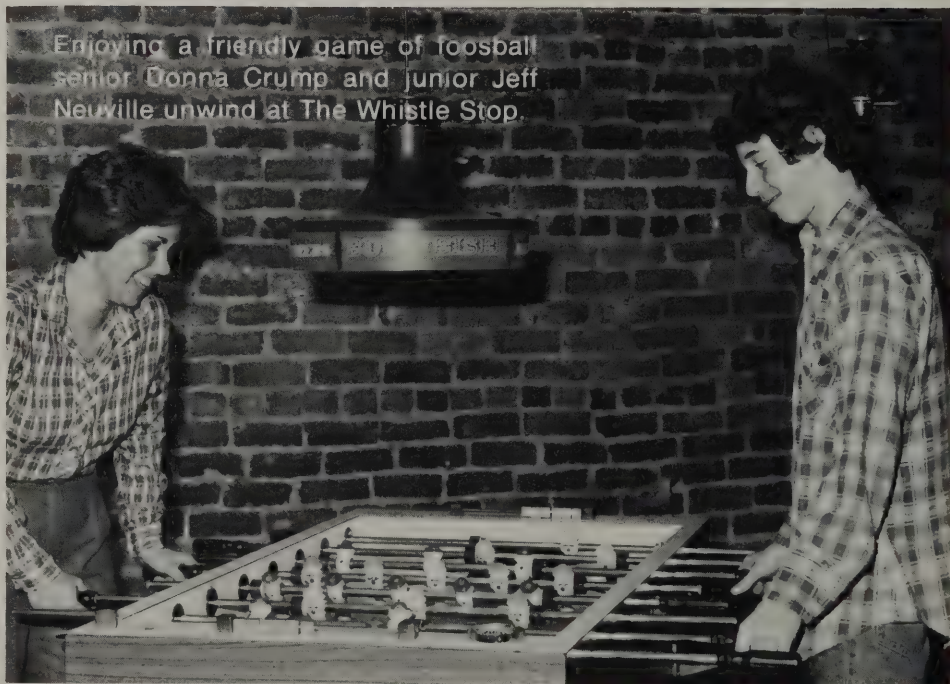
To keep the kids entertained there are pinball machines, foosball, cards, and a television set.

Joe Bear's started out as a sandwich shop down from the city post office. After a year and a half, Joe Bear's was moved to where it is now, above McGuire's. It has been in business around 4 years.

"I don't want this to be known as just a bar, but a place for high school and college kids to have a good time," Bob said at the end of the interview.

Whistle Stop- A place to relax

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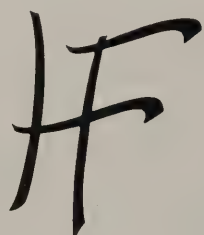
The Academy has been open in Hickory since 1961. It was first known as The Fletcher School of Dance and then changed to The Ann Freeman Dance Academy in 1966.

The first school was located uptown in the Lutz Building which was later torn down during the renovation.

The school moved from the Lutz Building to Hickory Foundation Center and then to its present location.

The Academy, which is run and directed by Ms. Ann Freeman, also offers adult classes on Wednesday nights.

Classes are held Monday through Saturday from 4-9 p.m. with students ranging in age from four years old to adult.



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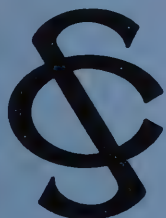
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Colonial Lanes Bowling Alley, located on Highway 64-70, owned by Sylvester Sobanski is the only place in Hickory to enjoy one of the most popular sports in the world.

The bowling alley was established more than 18 years ago and offers something for everyone. There are over 35 bowling leagues for people ages 6-75. The bowling alley holds tournaments each year — both in-house, for Hickory bowlers, and outside events to attract tourist.

Bowling is available to every human being. Handicapped people bowl, paraplegics, blind people, and the mentally retarded.

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Bowling at Colonial Lanes is a favorite pastime of Hickory residents.

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New mall dampens town's business

The two main shopping centers of Catawba County are located along the same route, Highway 64-70. The Valley Hills Mall and the Catawba Mall are both within several miles of each other along this road. This arrangement provides Hickory shoppers with easy access to a considerable selection of stores.

Since the completion of the Catawba Mall over eleven years ago, the 64-70 area has become a major business district. New stores have been added and older one renovated. Competition from the Catawba Mall and surrounding stores was able to severely hurt the downtown Hickory business which declined when the

new Valley Hills Mall was finished last year. Someday, the Valley Hills Mall may be over shadowed by an even larger mall along 64-70.

Also, along the highway are two of the more popular movie theaters — the Crown Cinemas and the Terrace Theaters. The Crown Cinema features four different theatres and the Terrace, two. Also, along 64-70 are several restaurants serving everything from tacos to Chinese cuisine.

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Nostalgic pub popular for all



McGuire's, one of the few nice bars in Hickory, is located in the downtown section. Old framed pictures and painted mirrors on the wall add a sense of nostalgia to the bar. Soft music is piped into the booths lending a felling of relaxation.

"The people who frequent the place are in age, anywhere from eighteen to seventy," said Janie Gantt, a bartender at McGuire's. "Our business is pretty steady throughout the week and really busy on the weekends.

There are two dart boards, a backgammon set, and a television to entertain the people who visit McGuire's.

Sandwiches and hamburgers are mainly what is served at the bar, along with wine, beer, and soft drinks.

The decor at McGuire's is early turn-of-the century with brass railings and an oak bar backed by a full length painted mirror.



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Originally a railway station depot, The Hickory Station is now a restaurant serving a variety of food.

The Station is open for lunch from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. During lunch, the restaurant mainly serves steaks and sandwiches.

The Station is open during the week for dinner from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. They serve a variety of food during dinner including steaks, seafood, ribs, hamburgers, and quiche.

The restaurant has a nostalgic touch created by the cash register which is over 100 years old and the player piano that sits in the corner.

"Most people come here to eat and enjoy a quiet and relaxing evening in a tranquil atmosphere", said Melinda Turner one of the waitresses at the restaurant.

Entertainment is provided on the weekends by Ken Pek, a foreign student attending Lenior Rhyne college.

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Tuesday's, a new restaurant in Valley Hills Mall, has the setting of early 1900's. The polished oak bar running the length of the room has bartenders and barmaids dressed in tuxedo styled clothing. Adding warmth to the charming atmosphere are the big palm plants spread throughout the restaurant.

Business at Tuesday's mainly consist of younger couples wanting a quiet place to eat, along with reasonably priced food. The menu at Tuesday's include everything from sandwiches to steaks.

Tuesday's has really caught on as a pleasant place to eat in the Hickory area with there hardly being an afternoon that you won't find someone enjoying the atmosphere and food at the pub-styled restaurant, or an evening where a group of friends aren't enjoying a quiet conversation and a beer.

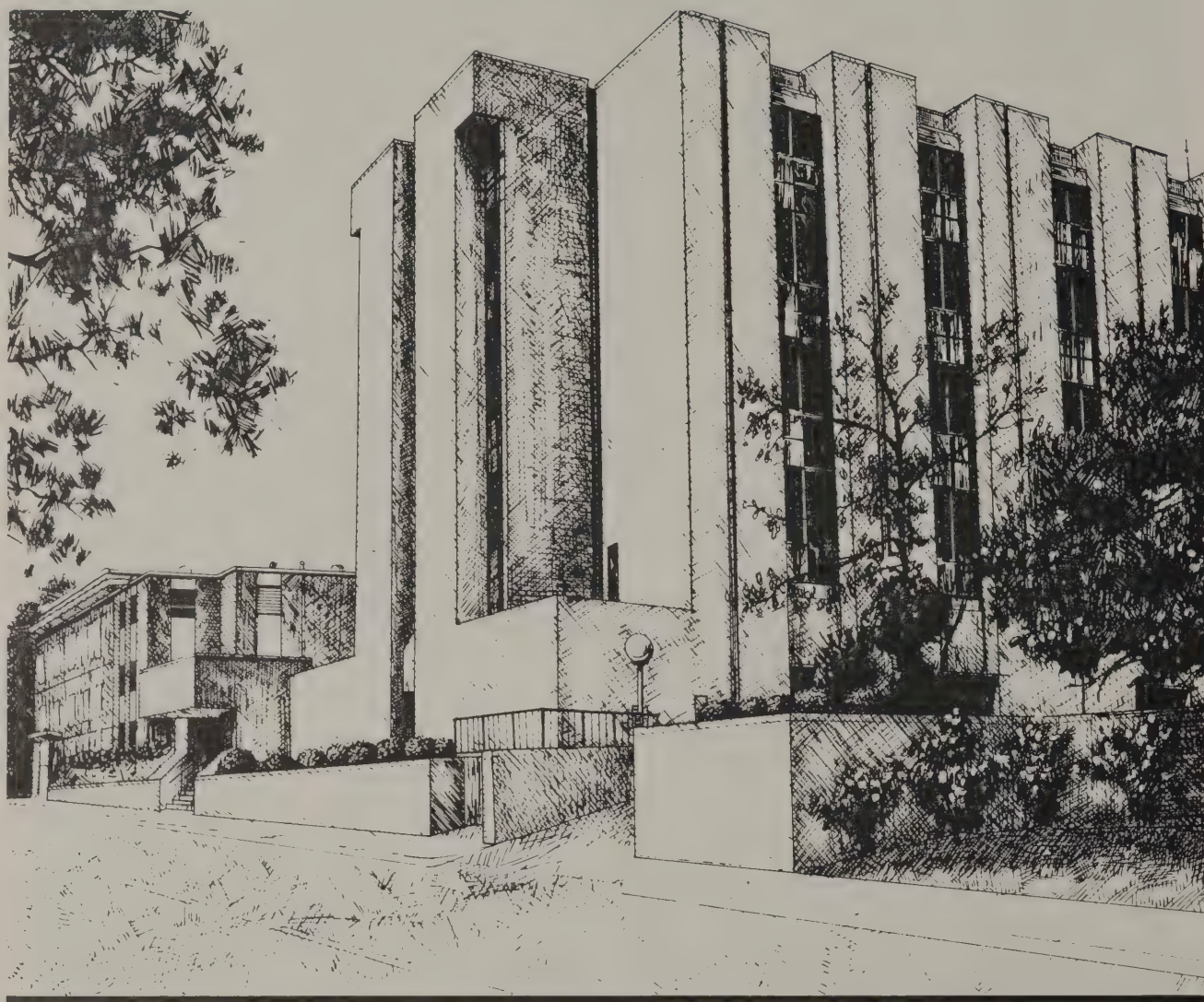
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Hix Photography makes pictures for advertising

Hix Photography is one of the few photography studios in Hickory that shoots pictures for advertising.

The studio is owned by Charles and Virginia Hicks, a man and wife team. They have been in business for 21 years.

"Photography has its good points and bad points and you learn to adjust. The biggest problem is trying to keep your private life out of your business and come home and keep your business life out of your private life," said Ms. Hicks.

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The lounge, managed by Jimmy Alderholdt, serves all ages.

"We get all ages of customers," said Mr. Alderholdt, "Many families come and eat here."

The Establishment has been under the management of Mr. Alderholdt for nine years.

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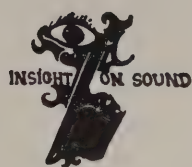
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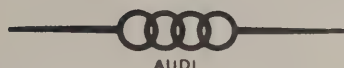


As the price of gasoline soars, many economy-minded Americans are trading in their big cars for the small ones.

According to recent figures, the increase in small car sales have skyrocketed 30 percent in the last year, 100 percent in the past five years, and over 400 percent in the last 10 years.

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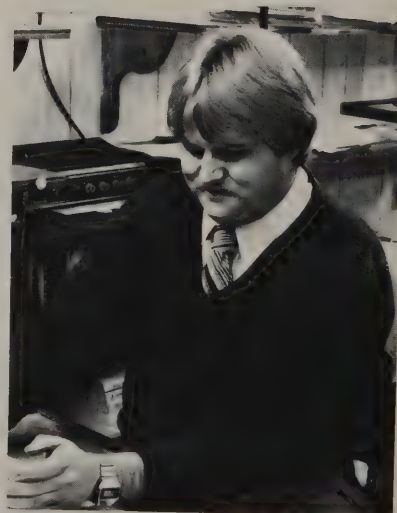
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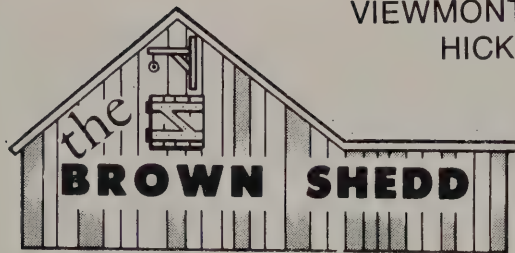
"Anyone can get into advertising if

they have the drive. I know a lot of people in the business that can't even draw," said Neil who has unlimited artistic talent.

Neil was a cartoonist for "The Hickory Twig" and also for the "Western Carolinian" at Western Carolina University. He had dreams of becoming a professional cartoonist after college, but while working with the college newspaper he became interested in advertising.

Neil returned to Hickory where he has been employed by MDI for four years.





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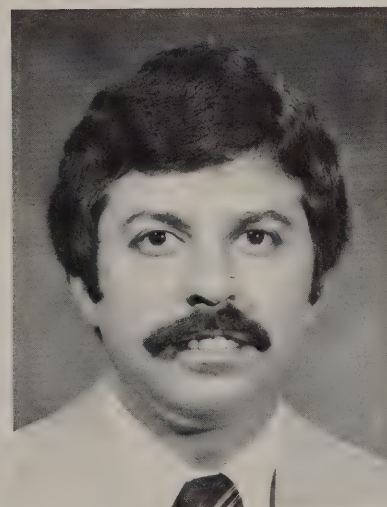


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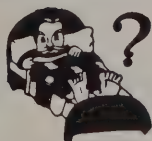
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The Catawba Science Museum, located on 3rd Avenue N.W. in Hickory, provides a variety of scientific exhibits and displays for the public. For example, a booth has been set up to show phosphorescent rocks and their colors. A wall-length mural depicting the water cycle, a fish aquarium with a bubble on the side for looking into it, and a telegraph system are only a few of the exhibits in the museum.

Nature plays an important role in the Catawba Science Museum's displays. Downstairs, windows are arranged so that someone looking out of them sees as a dog, bee, and cat do. Upstairs, a

large display allows visitors to match birds with their natural habitat. In the same room, a bee-hive, with see-through sides, allows viewing of the bees daily lives. Across the hall, a room is made-up as a re-creation of a prehistoric man's cave with his tools, clothing, and food.

The Catawba Science Museum has classes in photography, leather-crafting and macrame, and field trips for its young members with director Dan Johnson. Occasionally, guest speakers come in and read stories to children.



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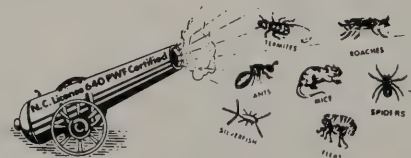


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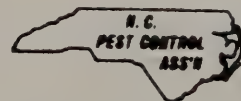
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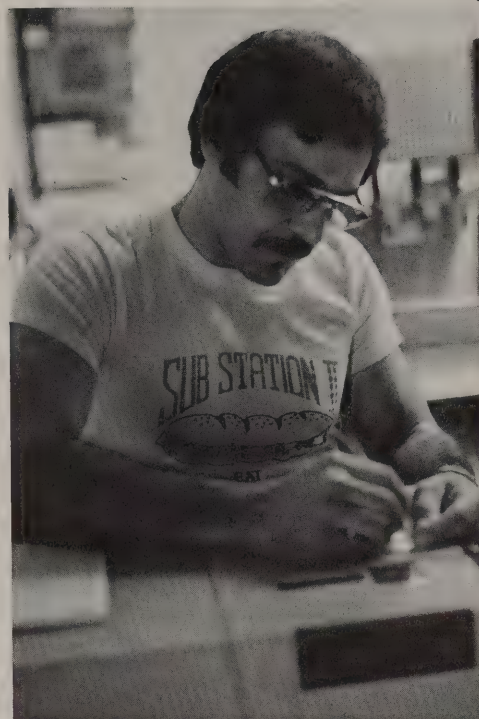
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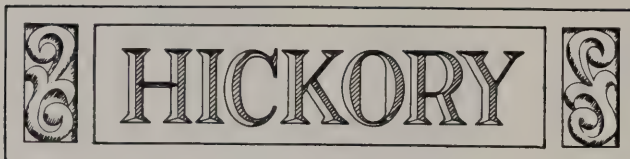
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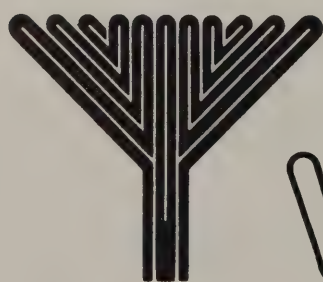
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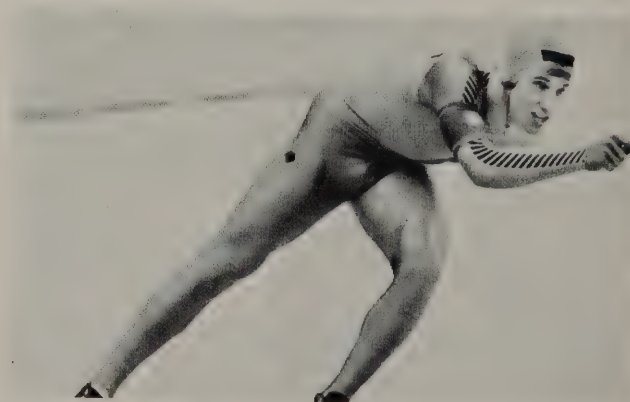
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Heiden wins five golds

The XIII Winter Olympic games were held amid controversy and as a surprise — real snow. Yes, the athletes came to America and America went to ABC. Students at Hickory High enjoyed watching their favorite athletes compete for medals and honor. Among the most popular were Eric Heiden, Linda Fratiani, and the U.S.A. Hockey team. Foreigners whom students enjoyed were Hanni Wenqel of Lichtenstein, Sweden's Ingemor Stenmark, and Great Britians' Robin Cousins.

A big disappointment to many people was the withdrawal of Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner. They were expected to battle Rodinina and Zaitsev of Russia for the gold in pairs skating. Overall the games went smoothly with few controversies but lots of excitement. Almost everybody at Hickory High watched some of the Olympics and enjoyed it.



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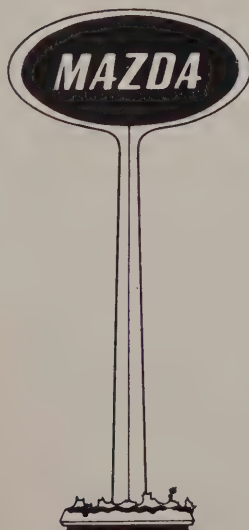
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Students have unusual pets

Pets come in many shapes, sizes, and color. They walk or crawl, fly, or swim in water. Horses, dogs, cats, canaries, and goldfish are a few of the pets many people have.

Some people enjoy having pets because they make good companions. There is a Sheltie named Charlie who barks and yelps and runs around in circles when his owners come home from school or work. He jumps up on them and licks them. These actions show his love for his family.

Some people enjoy their pets because of some of the special and cute things they do. Suzy, a 13-year-old half Dachshund and half Poodle sleeps on the ledge of her owners bay window. A Tabby cat named Oreo, because of her black and white color, catches folded paper footballs that are tossed to her. Bonnie, who is a Scottie talks to her owners. When Bonnie wants to play ball she barks in a low tone. When Bonnie says hello she barks in a high tone.

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Besides bringing income to Hickory and providing a relaxing atmosphere for shopping, Valley Hills Mall has also provided jobs for Hickory High students. Many of the students who work at the mall have jobs that call for sales and checking in stock.

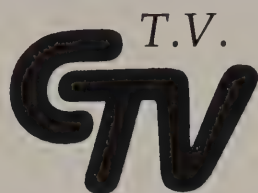
Senior Barry Elliott has been working at the Record Bar for a year and a half now. He plans to continue working there and hopes to become a manager. Two other seniors working at Valley Hills are Cindy Watson and Elaine Beaver. Cindy has been working around seven months in the lingerie department at Sears. She is part-time help and works anywhere from 15-25 hours a week. Elaine works at K and K Toys, helping customers find the right game to test their intellect.

Jerry Robbins, a junior at the high school, has been working at Southern Sport Shoe for a year and a half. He is considered an assistant manager there and has helped the store greatly.

Debbie Deal, also a junior, works at Foxmoor Casuals, a ladies clothing store. She is a part-time employee and works 15 hours a week. The Royal Dutch, a candy and gift shop employs two juniors from HHS, Kristy Cook and Angela Beaver. They are also part time workers.

Barry Elliot summed it up best for all the students working out there by saying, "I have enjoyed working in the mall and meeting others out here. I'm proud to work at Valley Hills Mall."

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People go back to the movies

"Alien," released in the summer of 1979, was the story of a deadly alien creature menacing the crew of a huge spacecraft. "Alien" was among the rash of horror movies released during the summer. Other summer-scare flicks included "The Amityville Horror" and "Prophecy."

Serious dramatic motion pictures won acclaim and popularity, as well as the comedies and science fiction films. Movies like "Apocalypse Now" and "The Deer Hunter" graphically depicted the war in Vietnam. "Kramer vs. Kramer" showed the emotions and conflicts surrounding a child custody trial. Singer Bette Midler started her acting career, in "The Rose," a look at the rise and fall of a rock singer in the late 1960's.

The movies of the 1979-80 season brought variety, letting the audience choose comedy, science fiction or drama.



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Preppy's the style

In fashion many different looks were in style, and almost anything could be tied in with a wardrobe. The preppy look was popular as well as the usual look of jeans with everything. Many girls were able to use things their mothers wore in high school, such as pearls, pleated skirts and loafers to add to their outfits.

Knee socks were worn with sweaters and skirts. Sweaters were tied around the neck or worn over a shirt. Skirts came in many styles with buttons all the way to the knees, pleats, and slits up the side and middle.

Shoes were important in making an outfit. Almost every girl had a pair of "Candies," which were worn with dresses and jeans for a dressy look. Topsiders, docksiders, and loafers were worn by boys and girls with the preppy look. Clogs came back in style and were nice with jeans and skirts. The favorite shoes for boys were again tennis shoes, the most popular brand being "Nike."

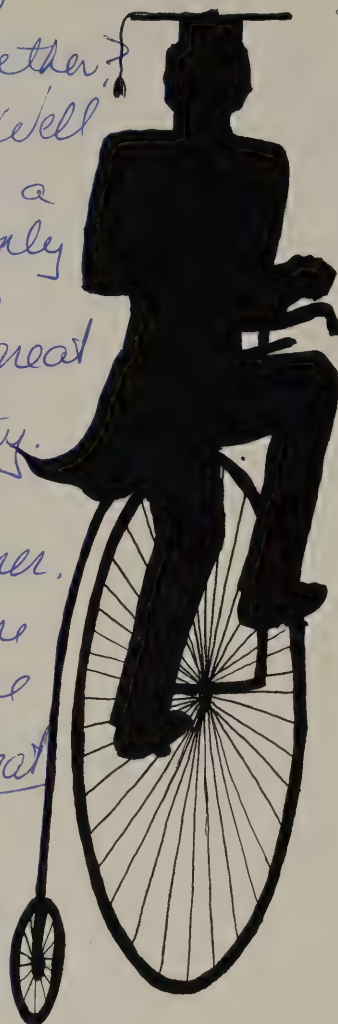
With the price of gold going up, jewelry was in demand. Add-a-bead necklaces, and wearing more than one chain at a time was in vogue.

The ever popular jeans were again in style, but "Levi's" had to make room for other brands. Designer jeans, which were cut to fit girls, came in style.

A fur coat was on almost every girl's Christmas list. Boys continued to wear ski jackets and letter jackets.

April, Remember all the
 summers we spent together?
 They were a lot of fun. Well
 I finally get to have a
 class with you (band) only
 if it was for just 2nd
 semester. I wish you great
 luck in everything you try.
 Don't get drunk to many
 times during the summer.
 Anytime you're down here
 make sure that you come
 and see me. Have a great
 summer!

Class of
 '82 Shirley



Wheels push toward finish

"Sometime I'm not sure whether I'm a big wheel or a little wheel," mused Mr. Cycle. "Maybe I'm both." And with that thought he rode happily away, graduation robe flapping behind him.

Around and around turned the days as fall faded into winter and winter gave way to spring. Leaders worked to bring the year to a successful close as they put the seniors through the paces of graduation and awards day, orchestrated junior-senior and completed class work. Students passed, some failed. There was rejoicing and gloom.

The school had run well, its traditional activities in contrast with national unrest and uncertainty. As school leaders graduated, little wheels prepared themselves to be the future big wheels. Gradually, the machinery slowed. Big wheels and little wheels gave their final push and the year was over.

Roses see red
Violets are blue everybody
wants to know who
you. Let's see you fill in that one.
It's been nice knowing you, so keep
demying your short and people will
look up to you.

George. O

Aprile,
 This year has
 been the best and
 you help make it. I
 hope you have fun this
 summer stay sweet,
 Kay

April,
 well, well SENIORS!
 This year has been a real Bitch.
 I'm so glad it's over. You're a great gal
 and I know that you will stay that way.
 I really hope that I see you over the
 summer (there goes the usual) Good luck
 and stay cool. (this is that)
 Love,
 Cassie's
 FOREVER

April,
 I hope you have a great summer
 and stay sweet. I'll miss you
 but you'll be back soon.
 Love,
 Cassie's
 FOREVER

April,
 I had a great time
 and had a great summer.
 I hope you have a great summer
 and stay sweet. I'll miss you
 but you'll be back soon.
 Love,
 Cassie's
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April,

April,

Well, it's been a long year, huh? It's almost over girl, so long in there. It was great having you in Pop. class with Mr. Lyubly (TRIP!). I'm glad to have finally found out that you live across the street from Sammy. Since I'm over there all the time; me, you, & her are gonna go out, get high & raise alot of hell, in your ex-faithful Datsun (junker). It's great to be down here in the South, & finally find someone that ~~A~~ (screes) talks Northern like me, huh? Even if you are from W. Va, & not the great Ohio, right? Well, I wish you the very best of luck in the future, & hope that you accomplish your every goal in life. I'll see you this summer, okay? God Bless ya.

Lots of Love & Luck,
Hoki
"81"

